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IN THE UNITED STATES,
FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,

1885

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation; and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1885.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn. ♃ Jupiter.	♂ Mars. ☉ Sun.	♀ Venus. ☿ Mercury.	☾ Moon. ♁ Herschel.
♌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.				☐ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.			
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.				△ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.			
♌ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.							

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, D	Solar Cycle, 18
Golden Number or Lunar Cycle, 5	Roman Indiction, 13
Epact, 14	Julian Period, 6598

The Jewish Era, with their 5646th year, commences 10th of September, 1885.

The Mohammedan Era, with their 1303d year, commences 10th of October, 1885.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb'y 1.	Palm Sunday, March 29.	Trinity Sunday, May 31.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 15.	Easter Sunday, April 5.	Corpus Christi, June 4.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb'y 17.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 14.	1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29.
Ash Wednesday, Feb'y 18.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, May 24	Sundays after Trinity are 25.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

February 25.	May 27.	September 16.	December 16.
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THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters ♈	March 20th,	4 o'clock 15 minutes,	afternoon.
Summer Solstice,	" " ☊	June 21st,	2 " 23 "	morning.
Autumnal Equinox,	" " ♎	September 22d,	4 " 11 "	afternoon.
Winter Solstice,	" " ♏	December 21st,	10 " 18 "	forenoon.

(♀) Venus is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1885.

There will be four Eclipses this year: two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

The first is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, March 16th, 12 o'clock 36 minutes afternoon; visible as follows as a Partial Eclipse here:

Eclipse begins	12 o'clock 20 minutes	afternoon.
" middle	1 " 42 "	"
" ends	2 " 55 "	"

This Eclipse will be Annular in Oregon, Washington Territory and Hudson Bay.

Duration 2 hours 35 minutes. Eclipsed 6 Digits on the north part of the Sun.

The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, March 30th, 11 o'clock 34 minutes forenoon; therefore invisible here.

The third is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, September 8th, 4 o'clock 19 minutes afternoon; invisible in the United States; visible in Australia, South Pacific Ocean and Cape Horn.

The fourth is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, September 24th; visible as follows at 2 o'clock 27 minutes morning:

Eclipse begins	1 o'clock 14 minutes	morning.
" middle	2 " 47 "	"
" ends	4 " 21 "	"

Duration 3 hours 6 minutes. 9 Digits on the north part eclipsed.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S Place.	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun sl. rises.	Sun Sets.	HIGH WATER. Phila.
			h. m. s.	a.		m. h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thursday	1 New Year.	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	7 14	rise	1st. ♀ rises 4 50	47 23	4 37	1 39
Friday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	Phil. 2: 1-12	6 18	22	♂ south 10 50	47 23	4 37	2 20
Saturday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12-19	7 14	5	♂ ♀ ☉ Inferior	57 23	4 37	3 10

1] Sunday after New Year. Luke 2: 33-40; Rom. 6: 12-18. Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.

Sunday	4 Titus	John 1: 29-34	8 10	17	♂ ♀ 2. ♀ rises 8 50	57 22	4 38	4 8
Monday	5 Simeon	" 1: 38-51	9 5	29	Sirius south 11 32	67 22	4 38	4 42
Tuesday	6 Epiphany	" 2:	10 1	11	Rigel south 10 5	67 21	4 39	5 30
Wednesday	7 Widukind	" 3:	11 0	22	7th. Castor south 12 2	77 21	4 39	6 11
Thursday	8 Severinus	" 4:	morn.	4	♀ rises 4 51	77 20	4 40	6 49
Friday	9 Catharine Zell	" 5:	12 1	16	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N. Ω.	77 20	4 40	7 31
Saturday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 6: 1-25	12 49	28	7* south 8 14	87 19	4 41	8 22

2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.

Sunday	11 Fructuosus	John 6: 26-71	1 45	10	♂ rises 8 10	87 19	4 41	9 12
Monday	12 Jean Chastellain	" 7:	2 41	23	♂ south 9 59	97 18	4 42	2 10
Tuesday	13 Hilary	" 8: 1-20	3 39	6	♂ in apo.	97 17	4 43	2 44
Wednesday	14 Felix	" 8: 21-50	4 37	19	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ stationary	97 16	4 44	11 40
Thursday	15 John de Laski	" 9:	5 40	4	♀ rises 5 10	107 15	4 45	12 38
Friday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 10: 1-21	♂ sets	18	16th. ♂ ♀ ♀	107 14	4 46	1 36
Saturday	17 Anthony	" 10: 22-42	6 26	3	Aldebaran south 8 30	107 14	4 46	2 14

3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany. John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 34 min.

Sunday	18 John Blackader	Mark 1: 1-20	7 29	18	Sirius south 10 36	117 13	4 47	2 46
Monday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 1: 21-45	8 24	5	♂ rises 7 40	117 12	4 48	3 31
Tuesday	20 Fabian	" 2:	9 36	19	♀ rises 5 16	117 11	4 49	4 22
Wednesday	21 Agnes	" 3: 1-19	10 45	3	☉ enters ♄	127 10	4 50	5 10
Thursday	22 Vincent	" 3: 20-35	11 50	17	♂ Capella south 8 46	127 9	4 51	5 51
Friday	23 Isaiah	" 4:	morn.	1	23d. ♂ ♀ ♀	127 8	4 52	6 42
Saturday	24 Timothy	" 5: 6: 1-6	12 52	15	7* south 7 4	127 8	4 52	7 34

4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany. Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. Day's Length, 9 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	25 Paul's Convers.	Mark 6: 7-29	1 54	28	♂ rises 6 22	137 7	4 53	8 25
Monday	26 Polycarp	" 6: 30-56	2 52	11	♂ gr. Elong. W. ♂ ♀ ♀	137 6	4 54	9 38
Tuesday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 7: 1-23	3 55	24	♀ rises 5 32.	137 5	4 55	10 36
Wednesday	28 Charlemagne	" 7: 24-37	4 56	7	♂ in per. ♀ south 9 10	137 4	4 56	11 36
Thursday	29 Juventin	" 8:	5 55	19	♂ rises 7 12	137 3	4 57	12 35
Friday	30 Henry Müller	" 9:	♂ rise	1	30th. Neptune stationary	147 2	4 58	1 14
Saturday	31 Hans Sachs	" 10: 1-31	6 19	13	Spica rises 10 56	147 1	4 59	1 52

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1st, 12 o'clock, 26 min., morning.
 Last Quarter, 7th, 10 " 36 " afternoon.
 New Moon, 16th, 3 " 36 " morning.
 First Quarter, 23d, 8 " 26 " evening.
 Full Moon, 20th, 11 " 19 " forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm; 3, 4, cold; 5, 6, 7, mild; 8, 9, 10, variable,
 11, 12, cloudy, cold; 13, 14, snow; 15, 16, 17, cloudy; 18,
 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, 25, 26, N. W.
 cold; 27, 28, moderate, 29, 30, variable; 31, fair.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.



Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring happy bells across the snow:
The year is going—let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor;
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be.—Tennyson.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THIS is a good wish—"A Happy New Year." It is right and proper that we should desire days of pleasantness and happiness to our fellow-men, but we should remember that our good wishes will not go far toward making others happy unless they be accompanied by the actual purpose to secure happiness to our friends. Let our wishes be sincere. Let them be the outward expression of an inward determination. Let us seek every day this year to *make* some soul happy. So, at the end of it, we shall have brought a ray of sunshine into no less than 365 lives.

Let this be a *Holy Year* to us: So will it be a Happy Year indeed to us. Happiness is not so much the end and purpose of our lives as is holiness. Yea, all true happiness that is at all worthy the name, will upon examination in the end be found to be the result of goodness of heart. So the Scriptures always teach: as, for example, the first Psalm—"Blessed" (that is to say, happy)—"*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful: but his delight is in the law of the Lord.*" So also our Saviour, in the sermon on the mount, points out the way to a truly

happy New Year; "*Blessed are the poor in spirit—the meek—the merciful—the pure in heart.*" And again He says, "*If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*"

THE end and the beginning of all things lie close together. The new year begins where the old year ends, and it is a universal law that "extremes meet." Therefore, if you would end your life with God, you must sometime begin with God. Christ is Alpha as well as Omega, the beginning as well as the ending, the first, as well as the last.

EPIPHANY.

AFTER Christmas and New Year there follows a season of the church year known as *The Epiphany*. This season begins on the sixth day of January, when the manifestation of the infant Redeemer to the Gentiles is celebrated. (Read Math: ii. 1-12.) The word Epiphany means "a manifestation," or "a revelation." The number of Sundays after the Epiphany depends upon the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, and varies from one to six; that is to say, when Easter comes very early in the year, there will be only one Sunday after Epiphany; when it comes very late in the year, there will be six.

During these Epiphany Sundays, the selections of Scripture readings as given in the Gospel lessons, are intended to impress us with the thought of the manifestation of our Savior's majesty and Heavenly glory. He was revealed as a babe to the wise men from the East; then, at the age of twelve years, to the learned doctors in the temple, and to His own parents; then, at the opening of His ministry, He wrought "*the beginning of miracles at Cuna of Galilee*, and thus "*manifested forth His glory.*"

Let your prayer be that the Lord Jesus may thus reveal Himself also to you, as He did to men of old. And pray that He may, by His blessed Spirit, reveal Himself not only *to* you, but also *in* you: that He may shine out and shine forth in your life, and thus become in your heart a living and lustrous Epiphany.

It is related in early church history, that a certain Christian woman, having one day gone to the theatre, was there possessed by an evil spirit, and that afterward when the evil spirit was reproached by the bishop with having exceeded his limits in laying hold on the soul of one of the faithful with whom he had nothing to do; the fiend made reply, that "he wist not that the woman was one of the faithful, for *he caught her on his own ground at the theatre!*"

FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets. and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises.	Sun h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
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5] *Septuagesima Sunday.* Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-27; 10: 1-5. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 0 min.*

Sunday	1 Ignatius	Luke 3:	6 59		25	♂ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 6 56	14 7	0 5	0 2 50
Monday	2 <i>Candle Mass</i>	" 4:	7 46		7	♀ rises 5 35	14 6	5 9	1 3 40
Tuesday	3 Ansgar	" 5:	8 34		19	♄ south 8 59	14 6	5 8	2 4 18
Wednesday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 6: 1-19	9 29		1	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14 6	5 6	4 4 49
Thursday	5 P. S. Spener	" 6: 20-49	10 22		13	Sirius south 9 23	14 6	5 5	5 5 30
Friday	6 Amandus	" 7:	11 16		25	♄ 6th. ♄. Orion south 8 28	14 6	5 4	6 6 10
Saturday	7 George Wagner	" 8:	morn.		7	♀ rises 5 45	14 3	5 3	7 6 50

6] *Sexagesima Sunday.* Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33; 12: 1-9. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	8 Maria Andreae	Luke 9: 1-36	12 16		19	♄. ☉ Neptune	14 6	5 2	8 7 40
Monday	9 John Hooper	" 9: 37-62	1 22		2	♄ in apo. ♄ south 8 39	14 6	5 1	9 8 26
Tuesday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 10:	2 31		15	♄ rises 6 19	15 6	5 0	10 9 24
Wednesday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 11: 1-36	3 40		28	♄ ♄ ☉. Arctur rises 9 17	15 6	4 8	12 10 23
Thursday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 11: 37-12; 1-12	4 40		12	♄ in Perihelion	15 6	4 7	13 11 22
Friday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 12: 13-59	5 41		27	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 5 42	14 6	4 6	14 12 21
Saturday	14 Brun of Querfurt	" 13: 1-21	♄ sets		12	14th. ♄ ♄ ♄	14 6	4 5	15 1 20

7] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 34 min.*

Sunday	15 Jacob von Loh	Luke 13: 22-35	7 0		27	Spica rises 9 56	14 6	4 3	17 2 11
Monday	16 Matth. Desubas	" 14:	7 51		13	♄ stationary	14 6	4 2	18 2 49
Tuesday	17 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	" 15:	8 20		28	♄ south 8 20	14 6	4 1	19 3 32
Wednesday	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	" 16:	9 10		13	♄ south 12 1	14 6	4 0	20 4 15
Thursday	19 Mesrob	" 17: 1-19	9 56		27	♄ ♄ ☉. ☉ enters ♄	14 6	3 9	21 5 5
Friday	20 Sadoth	" 17: 20-37	10 42		11	♀ rises 5 40	14 6	3 8	22 5 44
Saturday	21 Mainrod	" 18: 1-30	11 36		25	7* sets 12 51	14 6	3 6	24 6 32

8] *1st Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	22 <i>Washington B.</i>	Luke 18: 31-19; 1-28	morn.		8	22d. Antares rises 2 30	14 6	3 5	25 7 31
Monday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 19: 29-20; 1-18	12 10		21	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 7 58	14 6	3 3	27 8 30
Tuesday	24 Matthias	" 20: 19-21; 1-4	1 22		4	♄ south 11 40	14 6	3 2	28 9 29
Wednesday	25 <i>Emberday</i>	" 21: 5-35	2 36		16	♄ in per. Sirius south 8 7	13 6	3 1	29 10 27
Thursday	26 Berthold Haller	" 22: 1-30	3 48		23	Regulus rises 11 10	13 6	3 0	30 11 25
Friday	27 Martin Bucer	" 22: 31-71	5 10		10	♀ rises 5 40	13 6	2 8	32 12 23
Saturday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 23:	♄ rises		22	28th. ♄ ♄ ♄.	13 6	2 7	33 1 21

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th, 5 o'clock, 37 min., evening.
New Moon, 14th, 9 " 21 " evening.
First Quarter, 22d, 5 " 31 " morning.
Full Moon, 28th, 11 " 6 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, coldest day; 3, 4, mild; 7, 8, 9, cloudy, cold; 10, 11, variable, 12, 13, 14, moderate; 15, 16, snow; 17, 18, 19, cold; 20, 21, N. W., clear; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, stormy; 26, 27, 28, cold.

♄ Mars is in conjunction with the south, 11th, and cannot be seen.

♄ Jupiter is in opposition with sun, the 19th, and shines all night.

♀ Venus is Morning Star till the 4th of May. Then Evening Star till the end of the year.

BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.


We present a picture of the present Bethany Orphans' Home. It is certainly a beautiful Home for the Church's orphans and is a monument to the benevolence of the Church. This building was erected in the place of the one destroyed by fire November 11, 1881. It was formally opened with appropriate services December 14, 1882. It contains a chapel and room sufficient to accommodate at least 150 orphans. It is lighted with gas and heated with steam. There are at present within it 63 orphans and there is room for as many more—if the Church will provide the needed means of support. Contributions can be sent to W. D. Gross, Box 2147, Philadelphia; and to Rev. D. B. Albright, Superintendent, Womelsdorf, Pa.



BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME, WOMELSDORF, PA.


LENT.

THE word Lent is by some said to have been derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word signifying *to lengthen*, because at this season of the year, as Spring approaches, the days begin to lengthen. So we keep the true Lent when our penitence deepens and our love to Christ increases, as we gradually approach the anniversary of His most blessed sacrifice upon the cross. He is indeed the true Sun of Righteousness, whose light, "shining more and more unto the perfect day," brings again the glad spring-time of the soul. As we draw near unto Him in penitence and faith, so will He draw near unto us, in the full power and splendor of His redeeming love. Thus our spiritual day will begin to lengthen, and become the true Lent, and be the foretaste of that eternal Sabbath-day which shall know no setting sun.

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THERE is always some snarly, discontented person, who will not help in the work of the Church, to growl at the work as it progresses in the hands of those who labor. This may be expected, but cannot hinder the work, and should not distract the workers. There is not a passing railroad train which hastens on its majestic course that is not barked at by some lazy, lubberly dog of a neighboring farm. But the panting which came from the chase excited only by some spiteful industry, is not to compare with the majestic mien of the train bearing on it scores and hundreds to their waiting loved ones. Let the idle and the spiteful bark, but the working-time is now.

TEMPTATIONS.

OUR Saviour began His ministry with the temptation in the wilderness. His temptation and His victory over the tempter were consequently a part of His redeeming work. "By His baptism, fasting and temptation" He therefore has power to "deliver us." When we are tempted and sore tried, we may with all confidence come to Him as to one who not only knows how to sympathize with us, but also how to help us. He was tempted for us, not in order to save us *from* temptation, but to deliver us in it, and to make us strong against it. We are to "*count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations,*" as knowing that "*the trying of our faith worketh patience*" and as also knowing that God "*will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but will with the temptation also make the way to escape.*" Temptations do but give the believer something to resist, and it is by resistance that we become strong. As the oak grows to be the monarch of the forest only by wrestling with the storms more stubbornly than the other trees; and as vessels are carried on their way at sea by the very winds which blow against their sails, even so he who resists not grows not. It is dead fish that swim with the stream—living fish alone can and do swim against it.

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IF we pray not to be led into temptation, we must not run into it of our own accord. Temptation is said to be from Satan; but, alas! we sometimes tempt Satan almost as much as he tempts us.

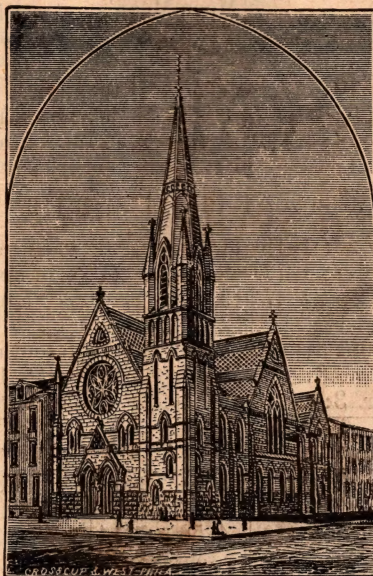
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1, 2, 3, moderate; 4, 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, N. W., cold; 9, 10, mild; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, 15, rain and snow; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, cold; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, 30, clear; 31 storm.

MARCH.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

THE First Reformed Church of Philadelphia was organized in 1727 by Rev. Geo. Michael Weiss, its first pastor, who was succeeded by Revs. Boehm and Schlatter. The latter built the first church at Fourth and Race Streets, which was dedicated December, 1747. The second church was begun in 1772 and was dedicated May 1, 1774. In 1837, the third building was erected and dedicated under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. T. Sprole. This was vacated by the congregation July, 1882. The present building is erected on the S. W. corner of Tenth and Wallace Streets, and was begun May, 1883, and dedicated May 25, 1884. It was designed by Isaac Pursell, architect; is of Gothic style, 54 feet, 3 inches on Tenth Street, and by 114 feet and 6 inches on Wallace Street. The first story being 16 feet high in the clear. The spire on the corner is 145 feet high. The exterior has a base of six



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

feet high of brown stone (Hummelstown); the balance is of Chester grey stone, with trimmings of Cedarville stone. The first floor is divided into compartments for Sunday-school, lecture and other purposes. The main audience room on the second floor is reached by three flights of stairs. The pulpit is on the South side. The pews are in a semi-circle, the floor inclining gradually towards the pulpit. Its seating capacity is about 600. A gallery is on the East side, and opposite is the organ arch and choir loft. The organ is one of Hook & Hastings' and contains 36 stops and 1995 speaking pipes. A number of windows filled with beautiful and appropriate designs in stained glass add to the beauty of the house. The whole cost of church and lot was \$76,000. Its present pastor is Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., who can be well satisfied with the beautiful spiritual home erected during his pastorate, and the present encouraging condition of the flock under his charge.

GIVING.

WHAT is a gift? Some rare and costly thing—
Which only wealth is privileged to bestow?
A joy that opulence alone can bring?
A boon that poverty may never know?
Nay! nay! the sweetest gifts that life adorn,
Ne'er left the loving hearts where they were born.

More humble gifts than e'en the "widows mite"—
Whose fame rolls down through the applauding years,
Shall live in memories, safe from Lethe's blight—
Preserved in love, embalmed in holy tears;
Our rarest gifts are hungerings to bestow
The good that ne'er may come to us below.

All that in man is best, the stamp shall bear,
Of that which we call immortality.
And fond good-wills, defeated now, shall share
The glad fruition of the time to be;
God frames our purpose true in purer gold
Than eye of mortal ever may behold.

There is a wealth descending from the sky,
That falls on every loyal gift we bring,
A heavenly fragrance that can never die,
Breathing through all our true heart-offering;
If with each gift unselfish love we weave,
"More blessed 'tis to give than to receive."

—H. C. French, M. D.

PASTOR OR SERVANT.




It is a degradation of the holy office of the ministry to look upon and treat its incumbents as mere employees of the congregation, who are hired to do a certain kind of work, and are expected therefore to do just what their employers wish them to do. Ministers are servants of Christ, are employed by Him, and from Him alone receive their recompense. They are not slaves of any congregation's will or wishes. God's will is their law. In so far they are wholly independent of men and man's will. The salary they receive is not hire, nor in any sense a recompense or reward. It is simply the means of living furnished them in order that they may have the time to devote themselves to Christ's work. They are pastors, shepherds of the sheep, and servants in no other sense, nor employees of the sheep in any sense.

"CASH," RIGHT AND WRONG.—You are a clerk in a store. You are a workman in a manufactory. You expect your pay at the end of the week. You may be a merchant. You expect cash for your commodities. You are a farmer. When you take your produce to market you expect to carry your pay home with you. *That is all right.* But you expect your preacher to wait six months or a year for his salary; *and that is all wrong!*








APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.








1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S		Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. rises.	Sun sets.	Sun	HIGH WATER Phila.
			h.	m.						
Wednesday	1 Fritigid	Heb. 10 :	7	59		18 ♀ rises 5 22 ♄. ☾	45	45 6 15	2	43
Thursday	2 Maundy Thurs.	John 6 :	8	44		0 ♄ sets 11 30	45	44 6 16	3	32
Friday	3 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	9	38		12 ♃ south 9 34	35	42 6 18	4	16
Saturday	4 Ambrose	Heb. 4 :	10	27		25 Sirius sets 10 47	35	41 6 19	4	49








14] *Easter Sunday.* John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 40 min.*

Sunday	5 Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	11 25		8 Orion sets 11 20	35	40 6 20	5 34
Monday	6 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	morn.		21 ☾ in apo.	35	38 6 22	6 17
Tuesday	7 Olaus Peterson	Acts 2: 22-47	12 13		4 ☾ 7th. ♄ gr. ☾. ☾	25	37 6 23	6 56
Wednesday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	1 Cor. 15:	12 58		17 ☾ 8 sets 7 9	25	36 6 24	7 45
Thursday	9 Thos. v. Westen	Romans 6:	1 40		1 ♃ south 9 4	25	35 6 25	8 34
Friday	10 Fulbert	" 8:	2 23		15 ♄ sets 11 0	15	33 6 27	9 16
Saturday	11 Leo the Great	1 Cor. 3:	2 51		0 Aldebaran sets 10 6	15	32 6 28	9 54






15] *1st Sunday after Easter.* John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-12. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 58 min.*

Sunday	12 Sabas	John 1:	3 44		14 7* sets 8 58	15 31 6 29 10 45
Monday	13 Justin Martyn	" 2:	4 18		29 Antares rises 10 36	15 29 6 31 11 36
Tuesday	14 John Eccart	" 3:	4 58		14 ☾ ☾ ♄. ♃ south 8 40 ☾. Sun	5 28 6 32 12 31
Wednesday	15 Simon Dach	" 4:	☾ sets		29 ☾ 15th. Rigel sets 10 1 fast	5 27 6 33 1 28
Thursday	16 Peter Waldo	" 5:	8 30		14 ☾ ☾ ☾. ☾ sets 10 34	05 26 6 34 2 20
Friday	17 Mappalieu	" 6: 1-40	9 34		28 ☾ stationary	05 24 6 36 3 14
Saturday	18 Luther at Worms	" 6: 41-71	10 33		12 ☾ in per. ☾ ☾ ♄	05 23 6 37 3 54

16] *2d Sunday after Easter.* John 10: 11-16; 1 Peter 2: 20-25. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	19 Melancthon	John 7:	11 19		26 ♄ sets 10 30	15	22 6 38	4 42
Monday	20 John Bugenhag	" 8: 1-30	morn.		9 ☾ enters ☾	15	21 6 39	5 31
Tuesday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 8: 31-59	12 13		22 ☾ 21st. ♃ stationary	15	19 6 41	6 21
Wednesday	22 Origen	" 9:	12 53		4 7* sets 9 14	15	18 6 42	7 10
Thursday	23 Adalbert	" 10:	1 33		16 ☾ ☾ ♃. ♃ south 7 58	25	17 6 43	7 52
Friday	24 Wilfrid	" 11:	2 6		29 Rigel sets 8 23	25	16 6 44	8 41
Saturday	25 St. Mark, Evang.	" 12:	2 45		10 Arctur south 11 57	25	15 6 45	9 31

17] *3d Sunday after Easter.* John 16: 16-22; 1 Peter 2: 11-19. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 min.*

Sunday	26 Trudpert	John 13: 14:	3 35		22 ♄ sets 10 1	25	14 6 46	10 28
Monday	27 Otto Catelin	" 15:	4 11		3 ☾ ☾ ☾ Inferior	25	12 6 48	11 25
Tuesday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 16: 17:	4 47		15 ☾ ☾ ♄. ☾.	35	11 6 49	12 22
Wednesday	29 L. von Berquin	" 18:	☾ rises		27 ☾ 29th. Antares rises	35	10 6 50	1 20
Thursday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 19:	8 0		9 ☾ Arctur south 11 36	35	9 6 51	1 58

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 7th, 9 o'clock, 42 min., forenoon.
 New Moon, 15th, 12 " 51 " morning.
 First Quarter, 21st, 6 " 20 " evening.
 Full Moon, 29th, 1 " 14 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, 8, pleasant; 9, 10, cloudy;
 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, thunder; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19,
 clear; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair;
 28, 29, variable; 30, clear.

EASTER.

On this great festival day, the Church throughout the entire world celebrates the fact of our Saviour's blessed resurrection from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a cardinal fact in the system of Christian truth: that is to say, it is principal: it is determinative: upon it certain other things depend. The word cardinal is derived from a Latin word which means a hinge, like the hinge on which a door turns. In this sense we are warranted in calling the resurrection of our Lord a cardinal fact, because upon it certain other great truths and doctrines depend. The resurrection of our Lord is not of secondary importance: it is not one of those doctrines which are not essential to the system of Christian truth. Like the center of a circle which determines every point in the circumference, or like the heart in the human system which gives vitality to every



member, or like the sun in the heavens, which holds the planets in their places and diffuses light and warmth to all and each, so is this great fact of our Lord's resurrection. Upon it depend certain other doctrines of the most comforting and important kind; upon it hinge certain hopes and beliefs on which we all rest and rely.

Had Jesus not risen from the dead, *the Gospel would never have been preached at all*. The Apostles could not have preached a dead Christ, nor would the preaching of a dead Christ have gained them a hearing.

Had Jesus not risen *there could be no faith in Him*: nor any forgiveness and justification, nor any hope for our departed friends, nor any well grounded expectation of a blessed immortality for ourselves. Surely we

should rejoice and be glad in that "THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!"

A CHURCH WITH TWO STEEPLES.

SUCH a church building would indeed be a singular sight. Think of it—a church with a steeple at each end! Yet, a friend of the writer assures him that such a church is to be seen, or at least was to be seen some years ago, somewhere in the State of Rhode Island. In building the church there were of course two parties; one of which, being dissatisfied with the steeple which the other had erected, proceeded to erect a steeple at the other end of the church to suit themselves! It was a Reformed church, too—a *Dutch* Reformed church, however.

THE ancient salutation of the primitive Christians when they first met on Easter morning was "*Christ is risen indeed*;" to which the response was "*Christ is risen indeed*," or else, "And hath appeared unto Simon." This custom is still retained in the Greek church.

It is said that in England Christians are divided into two great classes—Churchmen and *Dissenters*; whereas in this country there are only Churchmen and *absenters*.

THE ECHOES OF THE MOTHER'S TONES.

NOTICE a group of little children on the sidewalk, and listen to their artless talk. Their tones are echoes of the tones they hear in the nursery. If their mothers habitually speak with gentleness, and without raising their voices in fretfulness or anger, gentle speech will be heard from the little lips. If, on the contrary, it is the mother's way to show irritation in her manner, and petulance in her reproofs, you will not be long in discovering it, from the unconscious revelations of the little ones at play. A child who scolds and stamps her tiny foot, has heard sharp words, and seen passionate gestures, or else she would never have learned to indulge in such behavior.

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets. and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER
Friday	1 Philip & James	John 20:	8 50		22 Sirius sets 9 10	35 8 6	52 2 40		
Saturday	2 Athanasius	" 21:	9 37		5 Orion sets 9 36	35 7 6	53 3 33		
18] 4th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21. Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 min.									
Sunday	3 Monica	Heb. 1: 2:	10 21		18 Spica south 10 40	35 6 6	54 4 16		
Monday	4 Florian	" 3: 4:	11 6		1 ♃ in apo. ♄ ♀ ☉ superior ☾	35 4 6	56 4 49		
Tuesday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 5: 6:	11 49		14 Arctur south 11 20	35 3 6	57 5 37		
Wednesday	6 John of Damasc.	" 7:	morn.		2 ♃ sets 9 44	45 2 6	58 6 16		
Thursday	7 Otto the Great	" 8:	12 28		11 7th. ♃ south 7 3	45 1 6	59 6 56		
Friday	8 Stanislaus	" 9:	1 9		25 Regulus sets 1 33	45 0 7	0 7 42		
Saturday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	" 10:	1 46		10 Libræ south 11 58	44 5 9	1 8 32		
19] 5th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 25-33; James 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 14 hours, 4 min.									
Sunday	10 John Heuglin	Heb. 11:	2 21		24 ♄ stationary	44 5 8	7 2 9	29	
Monday	11 John Arndt	" 12:	2 54		9 ♄ in Aphelion	44 5 7	7 3 10	27	
Tuesday	12 Meletius	" 13:	3 32		23 ♃ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ rises 3 40 ☾	44 5 6	7 4 11	25	
Wednesday	13 Servatius	John 14:	4 14		8 ♄ ☉ Neptune	44 5 5	7 5 12	23	
Thursday	14 Ascension Day	Coloss. 2:	♃ sets		22 14th. ♄ ♃ ♄	44 5 4	7 6 1	19	
Friday	15 Moses	John 15:	8 31		6 ♃ sets 9 16	44 5 3	7 7 1	59	
Saturday	16 Five Marts. at L.	" 16:	9 21		20 ♃ in per. ♄ ♃ ♃	44 5 2	7 8 2	41	
20] 6th Sunday after Easter. John 15: 26-16: 1; 1 Peter 4: 7-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 min.									
Sunday	17 Joachim of Flor.	1 John 1:	10 12		4 ☐ ♃ ☉	44 5 2	7 8 3	32	
Monday	18 80 Marts. under Val.	" 2:	10 57		18 ♃ sets 12 2	44 5 1	7 9 4	16	
Tuesday	19 Alcuin	" 3:	11 37		0 ♄ rises 3 32	44 5 0	7 10 5	52	
Wednesday	20 Val. Herberger	" 4:	morn.		12 ♄ ♃ ♃.	44 4 9	7 11 6	40	
Thursday	21 Constantine	" 5:	12 14		21st. ☉ enters 8 48	44 4 8	7 12 7	34	
Friday	22 Castus & Aemil.	Joel 3:	12 46		6 ♃ Antares rises 7 59	44 4 8	7 12 8	23	
Saturday	23 Jerome Savonar.	John 17:	1 14		18 ♃ rises 8 44	44 4 7	7 13 9	15	
21] Whit Sunday or Pentecost. John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 min.									
Sunday	24 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	1 46		29 ♄ rises 4 1	34 4 6	7 14 9	57	
Monday	25 Whit Monday	" 5:	2 31		11 ♄ gr. Elong. West ☉.	34 4 5	7 15 10	43	
Tuesday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Romans 12:	3 20		23 ♄ rises 3 24	34 4 4	7 16 11	33	
Wednesday	27 John Calvin	1 Cor. 13:	3 59		6 ♃ sets 11 30	34 4 3	7 17 12	27	
Thursday	28 Lanfranc	Rom. 6: 19-7:	♃ rises		18 28th. Spica south 8 56	34 4 3	7 17 1	22	
Friday	29 David Zeisberger	" 8:	8 10		1 ♃ Castor sets 11 10	34 4 2	7 18 1	56	
Saturday	30 Jerome of Prag.	2 Cor. 5:	8 49		14 ♃ sets 8 10	34 4 1	7 19 2	41	
22] Trinity Sunday. John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. Day's Length 14 hours 38 min.									
Sunday	31 Joach'm Neander	Acts 1: 2:	9 39		27 ♃ in apo.	34 4 1	7 19 3	30	

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 7th, 3 o'clock, 43 min., morning.
 New Moon, 14th, 10 " 17 " forenoon.
 First Quarter, 21st, 12 " 45 " morning.
 Full Moon, 28th, 3 " 30 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, frost; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, thunder; 8, 9, cloudy; 10, 11, rain; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, clear, warm; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, clear.

(♀.) Venus is in superior conjunction with the sun. Passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

MAY.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE was founded in 1850, at Tiffin, O., with the special design of providing a ministry for the Reformed Church in the West. It has had many financial difficulties to contend against, but has largely overcome them, so that its present outlook is encouraging. It has six regular Professors; three courses of study, the Classical, the Scientific and Ladies' Course; and has uniformly enjoyed a good degree of patronage. It has a fine Campus of nine acres of ground, a large College building, a President's house; a large Boarding Hall for the accommodation of ladies, a good Library, Cabinet, Telescope, and other necessary apparatus. It now has 250 Alumni, many of whom are occupying positions



HEIDELBERG COLLEGE. TIFFIN, O.

of responsibility and usefulness in the Church and State. It has an Academic Department where the elementary branches are taught, and where those who wish to enter the College may prepare themselves well for it. It is now engaged in the erection of a new College Building to cost about \$40,000, which when finished, will add greatly to its efficiency and usefulness. The following gentlemen constitute the Faculty:

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D.D., Pres. and Prof. Intel. and Mor. Phil.; Rev. R. Good, A.M., Prof. Nat. Sciences; C. Horning, A.M., Prof. Math. and Mech. Phil.; Charles O. Knepper, A.M., Prof. Belles-Lettres and History; Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., Prof. Greek and Acting Prof. German; C. M. Lowe, A.M., Prof. Latin and Principal of Academy.

ASCENSION.

As our blessed Lord must needs suffer and die, so also was it necessary that He should rise again the third day and ascend into Heaven. As He could not be holden of death, so neither could He find a home here in this world after His resurrection. He must not only "*Suffer these things*"—He must also "*enter into His glory*." Therefore He ascended into Heaven, being visibly received up into Heavenly glory in the presence of His disciples. There He will rule and reign till He come again to judge the quick and the dead.

Our Saviour's ascension is a comfort to us, because we know that now He reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, "all power is given unto Him in Heaven and on earth;" and that therefore He can protect and defend us, guide and direct us, bless and provide for us. And we know also that He will some day take us all up to Himself in great glory, that where He is there we may be also.

WHITSUNDAY.




On this day the Church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, which great and wonderful fact occurred ten days after the Ascension of our blessed Lord. Before His death, our Saviour had said that He would go away to the Father, and would send "the Comforter, which is

the Holy Ghost," to His disciples, and that the Holy Ghost should "abide with them forever." That the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples according to His word, is proof that our Saviour had ascended to His Father.

The Holy Ghost is given to all believers to sanctify and purify them, and to make them meet for the kingdom of Heaven. Hence this day is called White Sunday—for white is the color of purity, and innocence and holiness. Indeed, white is the Heavenly color. There is much said in the Bible about things that are white. The Levites always ministered before the Lord in white robes. The Psalmist prays, "*Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.*" When our Saviour was transfigured on the mountain, "*His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can white them.*" The angels of the resurrection were clothed in white raiment from head to foot. God sits upon "a great white throne:" and around that throne is "*a great multitude which no man can number, of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues * * * clothed with white robes and palms in their hands.*" Let us all pray that the good Spirit of God may indeed make us "pure in heart that we may see God."

"FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD." (Hebrews xii. 14.)

1885.

Sunday	28 Irenæus	1 Thess. 1 :	8 26		6	¶ in apo. † rises 2 49	3 4	35 7	25	1 58
Monday	29 Peter and Paul	“ 2: 1-16	8 58		20	¶ sets 10 2	3 4	36 7	24	2 42
Tuesday	30 Raymond Lully	“ 2: 17-3:	9 30		4	Regulus sets 9 56	3 4	36 7	24	3 30

1, 2, 3, fine; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, showers; 12, 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, 17, thunder showers; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, warm; 29, 30, showers.

(2.) Saturn is in conjunction with the sun, the 18th, and cannot be seen.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH,

N. E. Cor. of Paca and Saratoga Sts.,
BALTIMORE, MD.

THIS Church was the outgrowth of the old Second Street Reformed Church. It was organized in 1840. Its first pastor was Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D., who was succeeded by Revs. A. P. Friese, J. S. Foulk and others. The present pastor is Rev. C. Clever. The present Church building was repaired in 1880 by the addition of a new front. The interior was repaired in 1884. Its dimensions are 75 x 50 feet. There are galleries on the three sides. A very fine organ is in the end gallery. The seating capacity is about 650. The basement is pleasantly fitted up and occupied by the Sunday-school. The General Synod convened in this Church May 7, 1884.



THIRD REFORMED CHURCH, BALTIMORE, MD.

the Church? They hold missionary festivals; they contribute liberally at missionary collections; they have missionary societies; they are alive and awake on missionary subjects; and they grow more and grow faster than such churches as believe that charity begins at home—and stays there. Selfishness always has a narrowing and belittling effect, whether in the case of individuals or communities. How often, for example, is it not said of such and such a town: "it has no public spirit; it is a one-horse town!" A thriving town is one in which each man lives and labors not only for himself but for all others. Selfishness is an ugly thing—a narrowing thing—whether in child, or man, or town, or church. If you do not want your congregation to be a one-horse congregation, stir up a missionary spirit.

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A MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

Does your congregation take any special interest in the subject of Missions? Of course, you take up a collection for missions once in a while, but does your congregation have any lively missionary spirit? Are the members interested in the establishment of new congregations and the building of new churches? Do they contribute liberally to this cause?

Sometimes it is said, "Charity begins at home: we must first look out for our own congregation, and take care of ourselves, and then when we have a fine church and a full treasury, it will be time enough to look after missions and missionaries."

This is a great mistake. It is wrong, and contrary to the spirit of the gospel, and in the end will be found to be exceedingly unprofitable and impolitic besides. A congregation which starts out with the idea of looking out for itself, will soon be a selfish congregation; and a selfish congregation cannot be in a flourishing state of grace: for grace and selfishness are opposite and incompatible qualities. Look around you and see whether it is not true that those churches which are the most lively and active, take a great interest in the general work of

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TRINITY.





THIS great festival of the Church year occurs the Sunday after Whitsunday, and emphasizes the full and completed revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. God has made Himself known in the work of man's redemption as the Mystery of the ever adorable Trinity's Three in One and One in Three. The full and completed revelation of the Godhead has been made. The whole power of the Godhead stands pledged for the salvation of believers. This is therefore indeed a *Festival*: that is to say, a day of rejoicing and gladness, because of the great things which the Lord hath done for us all.

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A CHRISTIAN has no right to excuse himself from church-work on the ground that it is not convenient, or that it might more easily be performed by others. Such excuses are easily framed but are fallacious and deceptive. Labors of this kind are not like worldly enterprises which may be undertaken or resigned at pleasure. They are a sacred trust, and if you possess the ability for their performance you have no right to give them over to others. "The night cometh when no man can work."








JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.








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Wednesday	1 H. Voes	1 Thess. 4:	10 0		18 ♀ sets 8 24	34 36	7 24	3 59	
Thursday	2 Visit Vir. Mary	" 5:	10 40		3 Spica south 8 50	44 37	7 23	4 45	
Friday	3 Otto, Bishop	2 " 1:2:1-12	11 20		17 ☉ in Apogee	44 37	7 23	5 34	
Saturday	4 Independence	" 2:13-3:	11 55		1 ♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	44 37	7 23	6 14	








27] 5th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	5 Lord Cobham	Gal. 1: 1-10	morn		15 ☾ 5th. ♀ sets 9 49	44 38	7 22	6 57	
Monday	6 John Huss	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	12 31		29 ☾ 7* south 8 32	44 38	7 22	7 41	
Tuesday	7 Willibald	Galatians 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 19		13 Orion rises 4 16	44 38	7 22	8 31	
Wednesday	8 Kilian	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	1 46		27 Antares sets 11 38	54 39	7 21	9 28	
Thursday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 3: 15	2 20		10 ♂ ♀ rises 2 39	54 39	7 21	10 26	
Friday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 4:	3 10		24 ♂ ♀ h. Wega south 11 10	54 40	7 20	11 27	
Saturday	11 Placidus	" 5: 6:	3 58		7 ♀ in per. ♀ rises 3 56	54 40	7 20	12 27	

28] 6th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	12 Henry II.	1 Cor. 1:	♂ sets		20 ☾ 12th. ♀ sets 8 22	54 41	7 19	1 26	
Monday	13 Eugenius	" 2:	8 39		3 ☾ ♂ ♀	54 41	7 19	2 11	
Tuesday	14 Bonaventura	" 3-4: 1-4	9 11		16 Spica sets 11 8	54 42	7 18	2 52	
Wednesday	15 Answer	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	9 43		28 ♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 9 29	64 43	7 17	3 40	
Thursday	16 Anna Askow	" 5: 9-6:	10 26		10 Altair south 12 2	64 43	7 17	4 18	
Friday	17 Speratus & II co.	" 7:	11 14		2 ♂ rises 2 26	64 44	7 16	4 58	
Saturday	18 Arnulf	" 8-9:	11 52		4 ☾ 18th. ♀ gr. Hel. L. N.	64 45	7 15	5 46	

29] 7th Sunday after Trinity. Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	19 Louisa Henri'tta	1 Cor. 10: 11-1	morn.		15 ☾ Dog Days Begin.	64 45	7 15	6 41	
Monday	20 John Marteilh	" 11: 2	12 41		27 ♀ rises 3 30	64 46	7 15	7 30	
Tuesday	21 Eberhard	" 12: 1-30	1 26		9 ♀ sets 8 20	64 47	7 13	8 15	
Wednesday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 12: 31-13:	2 10		22 ☉ enters ♈	64 48	7 12	9 5	
Thursday	23 Godfr. v. Hamelle	" 14:	2 42		4 7* south 7 24	64 49	7 11	10 44	
Friday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 15: 1-34	3 18		17 ♀ sets 8 56	64 50	7 10	11 38	
Saturday	25 St. James	" 15: 35-16:	3 44		1 ☾ in apo. ♂ rises 2 13	64 50	7 10	12 29	

30] 8th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 14 hours, 18 min.

Sunday	26 Christopher	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	♂ rises		14 ☾ 26th. Orion rises 3 0	64 51	7 9	1 26	
Monday	27 Raym. Palmarius	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	7 49		29 ☾ ♀ sets 8 14	64 52	7 8	2 13	
Tuesday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 1: 23-2:	8 29		13 ♀ rises 2 58	64 53	7 7	2 53	
Wednesday	29 Olaus	" 3-4: 1-6	9 11		28 Regulus sets 8 4	64 54	7 6	3 41	
Thursday	30 John Wessel	" 4: 7-5: 10	9 51		13 Aldebaran rises 12 54	64 55	7 5	3 31	
Friday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	10 20		28 ♂ rises 1 59	64 56	7 4	4 15	

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter 5th, 12 o'clock, 25 min., afternoon.
 New Moon, 12th, 12 " 15 " morning.
 First Quarter 18th, 7 " 19 " evening.
 Full Moon, 26th, 9 " 22 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, rain and thunder; 5, 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, warmest days; 11, 12, thunder showers; 13, 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, warm; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, rain.

THE COLLEGE OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

THE College of Northern Illinois was founded by the Northern Illinois Classis in the year 1882. It is located in the town of Dakota, Stephenson Co., Ills., a quiet pleasant village on the C. M. & St. P. Railroad. It is under the management of a Board of Trustees, duly elected by the Reformed Church. It is open to students of both sexes. Its history is brief, for its actual existence has been short. In the two years of its existence, it has done a good work for the Church. It has gathered into its halls a goodly number of students. By its last catalogue



THE COLLEGE OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

we notice it has had in attendance during the second year of its existence, 57 students. It has now a Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Class, as well as a good Preparatory School. The object of this School is to offer to ladies and gentlemen the opportunity of obtaining a liberal education; thus preparing them for life's work. It aims at laying a foundation upon which can be built whatever superstructure one may desire to erect thereon. Every legitimate means shall be employed to induce young men to enter the gospel ministry and fill up its ranks. For further information, and a catalogue of the institution, address Rev. Frank Wetzel, President.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

PARENTS should set a good religious example to their children: otherwise the children can hardly be expected to become religious. The best Church and Sunday-school advantages cannot atone for the lack of a religious atmosphere, and a pious example in the family.

Some fish were one day swimming in a stream, when they happened to come across a family of crabs, all crawling backward. Now the fish, thinking this a scandalous and inexcusable ignorance, appointed two of their number to open a select school under the bank of the stream, where young crabs might be taught how to swim in a straightforward way: for the old crabs said they themselves were "too old to learn new ways—the fish might teach their children." For a time all went on swimmingly. The young crabs were attentive and ready learners, and promised great things the first few days: but by and by it was discovered by the teachers of the school that the young crabs always swam backwards when at home with the old folks, and forward only while at school: and that the backward example of their parents destroyed all the advantages of their school training: whereupon the fish took down their sign, broke up the school, and left the crabs to their incorrigible manners.

ARE you a subscriber for your church paper? If not, you certainly should be. Get it at once!

DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN.

A LADY was one day talking to her children about the beautiful land beyond the river, when Rob, her oldest boy, said:

"Ma, I don't want to go to heaven."

"Don't want to go to heaven, my son! why Robbie!"

"No," said he, "I don't think I do."

"Why not, my son?" asked his mother.
































"Why because," answered Rob, "I suppose grandpa will be there; and if he is, as soon as he sees us children coming in the golden gate, he'll come scolding along and say, 'Whew! Whew! get out o' this! what are these boys here for!' No, if grandpa is to go to heaven, I don't want to go there."

A LADY friend of the writer's, relates that she was one day plucking a fowl. Her little boy, Don, was very much interested in the viscera of the chicken, particularly in the gizzard. "I've got a gizzard too, haven't I mamma?" queried he. "No, my child," said she, "it is only winged creatures that have gizzards, like chickens, ducks, geese and so on." For awhile Don said nothing, for he was busy thinking out some way of getting a gizzard for himself. At last a ray of light shot over his countenance as he exclaimed, "O, ma! I know when I'll get a gizzard! When I die, and get to be an angel, and have wings, then I'll have a gizzard!"

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. l. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Maccabees	2 Cor. 7: 2	10 49		12 ♀ sets 8 12 23.	☾	64 57	7 3	4 55
31]	9th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 4 min.						
Sunday	2 Mar. under Nero	2 Cor. 8:	11 21		26 ♀ rises 2 39		64 58	7 2	5 56
Monday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 9:	11 48		10 3d. ♀ sets 8 16		64 59	7 1	6 51
Tuesday	4 Leonard Küser	" 10:	morn.		24 ☾ ☿ ♃. ☿ sets 7 45		65 07	0 7	51
Wednesday	5 Salzbg Evang.	" 11:	12 22		8 ☿ gr. Elong. East		65 16	59 8	44
Thursday	6 Transfiguration	" 12: 1-18	1 7		21 ☽ ☿ ♃. ☿	☾	65 26	58 9	34
Friday	7 Nonna	" 12: 19-13:	1 55		4 ☿ ♃ ☿. ☿ rises 1 42		65 36	57 10	32
Saturday	8 Hormisdas	Acts 20: 1-13	2 46		17 ☿ ☿ ♃		55 46	56 11	30
32]	10th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 19: 41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 50 min.						
Sunday	9 Numidicus	Rom. 1: 1-17	3 41		0 ☽ in per. ♃ rises 2 15		55 56	55 12	28
Monday	10 Laurentius	" 1: 18-31	5 sets		12 10th. 7* rises 10 54		55 66	54 1	20
Tuesday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 2:	7 28		24 ☾ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 7 30		55 76	53 1	59
Wednesday	12 An. of Havelbg	" 3:	8 1		6 ☽ ☿ ♃. ♃ sets 7 54		55 86	52 2	42
Thursday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 4:	8 28		18 Orion rises 1 54		55 96	21 3	31
Friday	14 James Guthrie	" 5: 1-11	9 11		0 Rigel rises 2 24		55 106	50 4	16
Saturday	15 Virgin Mary	" 5: 12-21	9 40		12 ♀. Wega south 8 54		45 116	49 4	57
33]	11th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 36 min.						
Sunday	16 John of Saxony	Rom. 6:	10 18		24 ☿ rises 1 26		45 126	48 5	42
Monday	17 John Gerhard	" 7:	11 14		6 17th. ♃ rises 1 50		45 146	46 6	31
Tuesday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 8: 1-15	morn.		18 ☾ Neptune ☾		45 156	45 7	14
Wednesday	19 Sebalus	" 8: 16-39	12 10		0 ☿ stationary		45 166	44 8	4
Thursday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 9: 1-13	12 51		13 ♀ sets 7 50		35 176	43 8	49
Friday	21 1st Morv. Miss.	" 9: 14-33	1 40		26 ☽ in apo.	☾	35 186	42 9	37
Saturday	22 Symphorianus	" 10:	2 35		9 ♃ sets 7 2		35 196	41 10	34
34]	12th Sunday after Trinity.	Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 18 min.						
Sunday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	Rom. 11:	3 24		23 ☾ enters ♃		35 216	39 11	31
Monday	24 Bartholomew	" 12:	4 23		7 ☿ rises 1 19		25 226	38 12	27
Tuesday	25 Louis IX.	" 13:	5 rises		22 25th. ♃ rises 1 10		25 236	37 1	23
Wednesday	26 Ulfilas	" 14:	7 12		7 ♀ sets 7 46		25 246	36 2	11
Thursday	27 Jovinian	" 15: 1-13	8 0		22 ☿ ☿ ♃. ☿ gr. Hel. L. S.		15 256	35 2	55
Friday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 15: 14-33	8 40		7 Antares sets 10 16		15 276	33 3	44
Saturday	29 John Bapt. B'd	" 16:	9 22		22 Dog Days End ☿		15 286	32 4	31
35]	13th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 10: 23-37; Gal. 3: 16-22.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 2 min.						
Sunday	30 Claud. of Turin	Acts 20:	10 4		6 Arctur sets 10 44		15 296	31 5	12
Monday	31 Aidan	" 21:	10 46		20 Spica sets 8 4		05 316	29 5	52

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d, 4 o'clock, 55 min., afternoon.
 New Moon, 10th, 7 " 14 " morning.
 First Quarter, 17th, 8 " 46 " morning.
 Full Moon, 25th, 12 " 25 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, thunder showers; 5, 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, warm; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, 15, cloudy, thunder; 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, 23, warm; 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, rain; 29, 30, 31, fair.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, GREENSBURG, PA.

THE first church edifice erected by this congregation (in union with the Lutheran congregation) was completed in the Spring of 1796, and was built of hewn logs. Their second edifice, built of brick, was begun in 1815 and completed in 1819. In the Spring of 1879 a movement was made to peacefully separate from the Lutheran congregation, and divide the property jointly owned, which was successfully accomplished. The Reformed sold their interest to the Lutherans, and purchased a lot, 125 x 125 feet, on Cor. of Third Street and Maple Avenue, upon which they erected their beautiful church and equally fine parsonage, at a cost of \$38,000 for lot and buildings.

The size of the church is 55 x 87, and a Meneely bell, weighing over 1,600 lbs., hangs in the tower, presented by Jacob Kiehl. It is probably the finest Reformed church west of the Alleghenies. The congregation is in a flourishing condition.

Do not forget to encourage your pastor. If he preaches a sermon that pleases you or that does you some especial good, be not afraid to go and tell him so. You need not be overmuch afraid of making him proud. If he is a sensible man (as he no doubt is) it will only humble him the more, while it will put new power in his heart to know that his labors are appreciated and doing good.

Pray for your pastor. The whole congregation should pray for the pastor just before he preaches. If this were always done, how powerful would not our preaching be! Single prayers are like single hairs on Samson's head; but the prayers of the congregation are like the whole of his bushy locks, wherein his strength lay.



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, GREENSBURG, PA.

GOOD MANNERS AT CHURCH.

If there is any place in the world where good manners may reasonably be expected, it is in the house of God. Yet many Christians are known to display fewer signs of good breeding in the house of God than in their own parlors. Lack of good manners at church shows itself in a variety of ways: in dress, for example. Some people are known to dress so extravagantly for church as to create the belief that they are about to do duty as signs before a millinery shop. On the other hand, the writer has the pleasure of the acquaintance of a wealthy and highly cultivated lady who goes to the house of God in the plainest garments possible, "lest by any excess in dressing she unfortunately keep some one of Christ's poor people away from the house of God." Now, is not that sensible? Is it not good? The church is no place for the display of millinery.

Never be late at church. Spurgeon says: "Some people are like a cow's tail—always behind!"

Do not look around during the service. Keep your mind on the matter in hand. Look at the minister when he preaches.

Sing heartily. Pray earnestly, both for yourself and for others.

GIVING.

DR. HOWARD CROSBY says: "Giving is worship. Every one should give, whether rich or poor. The cent of the straitened is as much needed for worship as the dollar of the richer. The poor man should no more omit giving because of his poverty than an illiterate man should omit praying because of his grammar. No Christian has a right to except this from his worship."

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible. Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Hanna	Acts 22: 23:	11 44		♀ sets 7 41	05 32 6	28 6	40
Wednesday	2 Mamas	" 24: 25:	morn.		2d. ♄ ♃ ☾ Inferior	05 33 6	27 7	35
Thursday	3 Hildegarde	" 26:	12 42		♄ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12 39	15 34 6	26 8	30
Friday	4 Ida	" 27:	1 16		7 th rises 9 20	15 36 6	24 9	29
Saturday	5 John Mollio	" 28:	1 46		♄ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 1 10	15 37 6	23 10	23

36] 14th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	6 Martin Weibel	Eph. 1: 1-14	2 59		9 ☽ in per. Sirius rises 2 38	25 38 6	22 11	26
Monday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10:	4 14		♄ ☽ ♃. Orion rises 12 20	25 39 6	21 12	20
Tuesday	8 Corbinian	" 2: 11; 3:	☽ sets		8th. ♄ ☽ ♄. ♄ ☾ ☾	25 41 6	19 1	17
Wednesday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 4: 1-17	6 36		♄ Rigel rises 11 31	35 42 6	18 2	6
Thursday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 4: 18	7 5		♀ sets 7 29	35 43 6	17 2	52
Friday	11 John Brenz	" 5: 6: 1-9	7 40		♄. ♃ stationary ♄ ☽ ♃	35 44 6	16 3	40
Saturday	12 Dionys's Pelon'n	" 6: 10	8 10		♄ rises 12 10	45 46 6	14 4	22

37] 15th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25-6: 10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	13 Wm. Farel	Colos. 1:	8 41		2 ♄ rises 12 56	45 47 6	13 5	10
Monday	14 Cyprian	" 2: 3: 1-4	9 25		14 Altair south 8 12	45 48 6	12 5	54
Tuesday	15 Ar. v. Grumb'h	" 3: 5-11:	10 14		Antares sets 9 10	55 50 6	10 6	42
Wednesday	16 Ember Day	Philemon	10 47		16th. Wega sets 7 1	55 52 6	8 7	14
Thursday	17 Lambert	Philip 1: 1-26	11 34		♄ rises 12 0	55 54 6	6 7	54
Friday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 1: 27; 2:	morn.		☽ in apo. ♃ gr. ♄	65 55 6	5 8	41
Saturday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 3: 4:	12 16		♀ rises 4 50	65 57 6	3 9	24

38] 16th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 18 hours, 4 min.

Sunday	20 Magdal. Luther	1 Tim. 1:	1 16		1 ♃ in Perihelion	65 58 6	2 10	12
Monday	21 Matthew	" 2:	2 12		♀ sets 7 23	75 59 6	1 10	58
Tuesday	22 Mauritius	" 3: 1-13	3 24		☾ enters ♄ Day & Night Equal	76 0 6	0 11	41
Wednesday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a.	" 3: 14; 4: 10	4 34		15 Autumn Commences	86 1 5	59 12	38
Thursday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 4: 11; 5: 16	☽ rises		24th. ☽ Eclipse visible	86 3 5	57 1	36
Friday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 5: 17	6 59		♄ rises 12 46	86 4 5	56 2	20
Saturday	26 Lioba	" 6:	7 45		♄ ☽ ☾. ♄ ♃ ♄	96 5 5	55 3	11

39] 17th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length, 11 hours, 48 min.

Sunday	27 Phil. Graveron	Titus 1:	8 30		15 ♃ sets 7 19	96 6 5	54 3	54
Monday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 2:	9 16		♄ rises 11 41	96 7 5	53 4	40
Tuesday	29 St. Michael	" 3:	9 58		Orion rises 11 1	106 8 5	52 5	21
Wednesday	30 Jerome	2 Tim. 1:	10 52		♀ gr. Hel. L. N. ☾ ♄ ☾	106 9 5	51 6	8

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 2d, 12 o'clock, 14 min., morning.
 New Moon, 8th, 3 " 43 " afternoon.
 First Quarter, 16th, 1 " 14 " morning.
 Full Moon, 24th, 2 " 54 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, warm; 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, 20, warm; 21, rain; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, 26, wind; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, fair.

(24.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the sun, the 8th, and cannot be seen.

CATAWBA HIGH AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

THIS Institution is located in Newton, N. C., and is under the care of a Board of Trustees composed of ministers and laymen of the Reformed Church in that State. It was founded in 1851. It grew out of the demand for better facilities for education in Western North Carolina. Newton is the county-seat of Catawba County. The site is beautiful and healthful. The intelligence, morality and refinement of its inhabitants, adapt the place admirably for an institution of learning. The buildings are commanding and suitable. They will accommodate a large number of students. An effort has been made to endow the Institution so as to make it a full College, which it is to be hoped will be successful. It now has a well-organized corps of instructors: Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Principal; Rev. J. A. Foil, Associate Principal, Professor of Greek and Higher Mathematics; Herbert



CATAWBA HIGH AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

Ward, A. B., Professor of Mineralogy, Elocution, &c.; Miss Annie Sorber, Vocal and Instrumental Music; and Miss Lizzie Lindsay, Principal of Primary Department.

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

THE lack of a sufficient number of candidates for the ministry to meet the wants of the Church, still continues. This is true not only in all other Protestant Churches, but also in our own denomination. The number of young men who annually graduate at our seminaries is scarcely more than sufficient to fill up the places of those who, through old age or by death, have laid down the pastoral staff. Ministers are men, and men are mortal. Pastors will wear out, and grow old, and die. And if there are no young men entering the ministry, what will our congregations do, by and by? Already the want of ministers is being felt seriously, and it is feared it will be more seriously felt still. Let the pious parents, fathers and mothers, in the Reformed Church lay this to heart. Let them choose their brightest and best sons and consecrate them from their earliest years unto the Lord's service, even as Hannah of old devoted Samuel unto the Lord forever.

STRANGERS AT CHURCH.

STRANGERS at church should always be made welcome. Give them a seat in your pew, even though you must find a seat with your neighbor. Give them your hymn-book. If it is warm weather, hand them fans. You would do so in your own home; why not do the same in God's house? If you do not know them, ask their names after church, and bid them "come again." *"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for some thereby have entertained angels unawares."*

"Now, my little dears," said the visiting Sunday-school superintendent from the city, "what shall I talk to you about this morning?" And a little bright-eyed damsel, gazing out of the open window at the tempting grain fields, remarked pertly, "About five minutes, sir." And the good man's embarrassment was painful to behold.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER h. m.
Thursday	1 Remigius	2 Tim. 2:	11 54		10 1st. δ γ η	10 6 11 5	49	6 49	
Friday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 3:	morn.		23 γ in per. δ γ η rises 12 36	11 6 12 5	48	7 34	
Saturday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 4:	12 45		6 γ sets 7 17	11 6 13 5	47	8 31	

40] 18th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 11 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	4 Franciscus	Heb. 1:	1 49		18 Rigel rises 9 59	11 6 15 5	45	9 45	
Monday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 2:	2 55		0 η rises 11 10	11 6 16 5	44	10 44	
Tuesday	6 Henry Albert	" 3: 4:	3 59		12 δ γ η . γ rises 3 40	12 6 17 5	43	11 43	
Wednesday	7 Theodore Beza	" 5:	5 6		24 δ γ η . Altair south 6 53	12 6 19 5	41	12 42	
Thursday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 6:	γ sets		6 8th. Antares sets 3 49	12 6 20 5	40	1 40	
Friday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 7:	6 24		17 Aldebaran rises 8 34 Ω	13 6 21 5	39	2 31	
Saturday	10 Justus Jonas	" 8:	7 4		29 Orion rises 10 18	13 6 22 5	38	3 15	

41] 19th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 11 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	11 Ulric Zwingli	Heb. 9: 1-14	7 31		11 δ γ η . γ sets 7 16	13 6 24 5	36	5 56	
Monday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 9: 15	8 31		23 η rises 10 46	13 6 25 5	35	4 41	
Tuesday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 10: 1-18	9 21		5 δ rises 12 27	14 6 26 5	34	5 27	
Wednesday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 10: 19-39	9 58		18 γ rises 3 9	14 6 28 5	32	6 14	
Thursday	15 Aurelia	" 11:	10 49		1 Sirius rises 12 16	14 6 29 5	31	6 58	
Friday	16 Gallus	" 12:	11 46		14 γ in apo. δ η \odot Superior	14 6 30 5	30	7 45	
Saturday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 13:	morn.		27 δ rises 12 18	15 6 31 5	29	8 30	

42] 20th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21. Day's Length, 10 hours, 56 min.

Sunday	18 St. Luke Ev.	Prov. 1: 2:	12 44		10 γ sets 7 17	15 6 32 5	28	9 16	
Monday	19 Bruno	" 3:	1 32		24 η in Perihelion	15 6 34 5	26	9 57	
Tuesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 4:	2 22		8 η stationary	15 6 35 5	25	10 44	
Wednesday	21 Hilarion	" 5: 1-19	3 31		23 \odot enters η	15 6 36 5	24	11 32	
Thursday	22 Hedwick	" 6: 20; 7:	4 46		8 η rises 10 22	16 6 38 5	22	12 26	
Friday	23 Henry Martin	" 8:	γ rises		23d. Ω	16 6 39 5	21	1 15	
Saturday	24 Arethas	" 9:	6 10		8 γ rises 2 46	16 6 40 5	20	1 59	

43] 21st Sunday after Trinity. John 4: 46-54; Eph. 6: 10-20. Day's Length, 10 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	25 John Herz	Prov. 10: 11:	6 58		23 7* rises 6 14	16 6 41 5	19	2 44	
Monday	26 Frederick III.	" 12: 13:	7 47		8 Regulus rises 1 14	16 6 42 5	18	3 32	
Tuesday	27 Frumentius	" 14: 15:	8 45		22 γ sets 7 22	16 6 43 5	17	4 17	
Wednesday	28 Simon and Jude	" 16: 17:	9 43		6 γ in per. δ γ η	16 6 45 5	15	5 8	
Thursday	29 Alfred the Great	" 18: 19:	10 41		19 η rises 10 0	16 6 46 5	14	5 54	
Friday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 20: 21: 22: 1-16	11 39		2 30th. δ rises 12 1	16 6 47 5	13	6 42	
Saturday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 22: 17; 23: 24	morn.		15 δ γ η . Orion rises 9 1	16 6 48 5	12	7 31	

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	1st,	6 o'clock,	29 min.,	morning.
New Moon,	8th,	2 "	31 "	morning.
First Quarter,	15th,	8 "	20 "	evening.
Full Moon,	23d,	4 "	22 "	evening.
Last Quarter,	30th,	12 "	57 "	afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy, rain; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, clear; 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, stormy; 30, 31, pleasant.

**GRACE REFORMED CHURCH,
AKRON, OHIO.**

Grace Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, was organized about 1850, with but twelve members, but one of whom still remains, Dr. John Weimer, who has been its mainstay and has witnessed its many changes. At first it was a Mission, partly maintained by the Tuscarawas Classis. The first pastor was Rev. Max Stern. He was followed by others. Fifteen years ago, Rev. Ed. Herbruck, now of Dayton, O., became its pastor, and labored there three years. He was succeeded by Rev. M. Loucks, now also of Dayton, O. After a short supply by Rev. J. M. Mickley, the present pastor, Rev. E. P. Herbruck, commenced his labors in 1875, since which



GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, AKRON, OHIO.

time the growth of the congregation has been great, the membership having increased from 100 to 450. The Sunday School numbers 300 scholars and 35 officers and teachers.

The present Church building was begun in the Spring of 1881, and was dedicated July, 1882, free of debt. Its cost complete, was \$19,000. It is 80 x 60 feet, and with Sunday School rooms underneath the main audience room. The pulpit is at the side, with organ and choir-loft back of it. The seats are in a semi-circle and the floor rises gradually to the rear. It has a seating capacity of 600, including gallery. It is finished in black walnut, and heated by steam. The General Synod will meet in this Church, Wednesday, June 1, 1887.

CHILDREN AT CHURCH.

TAKE the children to church. Even if they are a little restless—never mind. The lambs of the flock cannot always be keeping quiet like the old sheep. They must skip and frolic about a little in the green pastures. "Oh, but our minister don't like children at church." Then you had better get another minister. But if the child cries outright and annoys the congregation—then take him out at once. But endeavor to tolerate almost anything short of this, rather than not have the children at church.

A LITTLE girl was once asked, "how many Gods are there?" And when she answered "One," she was asked, "why are there not more than one?" To this, after a brief hesitation, she replied very beautifully, as well as very truly, "*Because there is not room for any*

more!" God fills all things with His presence. There cannot be more than one God.

BE not overmuch concerned about the faults and failings of other people. The Old Testament saints were full of faults, no doubt; but it is observable that whenever their names are mentioned in the New Testament, they are always spoken of with honor, and their faults are never alluded to. Remember also that the better a man is, the more grievous does a fault appear in him; and that the greater faults appear in the characters of others, the better people they are likely to be. The Sun shines a whole year, and we scarcely look at him—but let him be eclipsed for but so much as five minutes, and how we gaze at him! * * To reprove small faults with undue vehemence, is as if one should take a hammer in his hand to kill a fly on his friend's forehead. * * As mariners mark the chief places where shipwrecks have occurred, so should every man do with his own history and experience.

NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
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44] 4th Sunday before Advent. Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length 10 hours 20 min.

Sunday	1 All Saints	John 21: 1-23	12 35		27 ♀ sets 7 26	♈	166 50 5	10 8 30	
Monday	2 Victorinus	1 John 1: 2:	1 36		9 ♀ rises 9 50		166 51 5	9 9 29	
Tuesday	3 Pirminius	" 3:	2 40		21 ♀ in Aphelion ♂ ♀ ♀		166 52 5	8 10 28	
Wednesday	4 John A. Bengel	" 4:	3 59		2 ♀ rises 2 26		166 53 5	7 11 26	
Thursday	5 Hans Egede	" 5:	5 15		14 ♀. ♀ rises 11 52		166 54 5	6 12 22	
Friday	6 Gustav. Adolph.	2 John	♂ sets	26	♂ 6th. Sirius rises 10 51		166 56 5	4 1 18	
Saturday	7 Willibrord	3 John	5 50		8 ♂ ♀. Orion rises 8 47		166 58 5	2 2 4	

45] 3d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 10 hours, 2 min.

Sunday	8 Willehad	Rev. 1:	6 30		20 ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.		166 59 5	1 2 49	
Monday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 2:	7 14		2 Rigel rises 8 40		167 0 5	0 3 40	
Tuesday	10 Martin Luther	" 3:	8 10		14 ♂ ♀. ♀ sets 7 55		167 14 59	4 29	
Wednesday	11 Martin of Tours	" 4; 5; 6:	9 18		27 ♀ rises 9 16	♈	167 24 58	5 18	
Thursday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 7; 8; 9: 1-12	10 12		10 ♀ in apo.		167 34 57	6 10	
Friday	13 Arcadius	" 9: 13-10; 11:	11 10		23 ♀ rises 2 1		167 44 56	6 58	
Saturday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 12: 13:	morn.		6 24th. 7* south 12 25		157 54 55	7 40	

46] 2d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 31-46; 1 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 48 min.

Sunday	15 John Kepler	Rev. 14: 1-13	12 1		20 ♀ rises 11 35		157 64 54	8 22	
Monday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 14: 14	12 50		4 ♂ Neptune ☾		157 74 53	9 12	
Tuesday	17 Bernward	" 15:	1 52		18 ♀ rises 8 50		157 84 52	9 55	
Wednesday	18 Greg. Illummat.	" 16: 1-8	2 53		2 Altair sets 10 37		147 94 51	10 38	
Thursday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 16: 9-21	3 54		17 ♀. ♀ sets 7 58		147 104 50	11 20	
Friday	20 John Williams	" 17:	4 55		2 Regulus rises 11 32		147 114 49	11 59	
Saturday	21 Columbanus	" 18:	5 56		17 ♀ rises 1 40		147 124 48	12 45	

47] 1st Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 1-13; 2 Peter 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 36 min.

Sunday	22 John Oecolampadius	Rev. 19: 1-10	♂ rises		2 22d. ☾ enters ♈		137 124 48	1 26	
Monday	23 Clemens Roman	" 19: 11; 20: 1-3	6 26		16 ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.		137 134 47	2 17	
Tuesday	24 John Knox	" 20: 4-15	7 36		0 ♀ in per. ♂ ♀ ♀	♈	137 144 46	2 57	
Wednesday	25 Catharine	" 21: 1-8	8 46		14 ♀ rises 8 0		137 154 45	3 41	
Thursday	26 Conrad	" 21: 9; 22	9 56		26 ♀ sets 8 3		137 164 44	4 30	
Friday	27 Marg't Blaurer	Psalm 96:	11 4		11 ♀ rises 11 25		147 174 43	5 14	
Saturday	28 Alex. Roussel	" 145:	11 50		23 28th. ♀ rises 1 11		147 174 43	5 56	

48] 1st Sunday in Advent. Matt. 21: 1-9; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 24 min.

Sunday	29 Saturninus	John 1: 1-14	morn		5 ♂ ♀ ♀ sets 5 28		117 184 42	6 41	
Monday	30 St. Andrew	Gen. 2: 4-25	12 46		17 ♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ gr. Elon. East		117 184 42	7 35	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 6th, 4 o'clock, 2 min., evening.
 First Quarter 14th, 4 " 59 " evening.
 Full Moon, 22d, 4 " 39 " morning.
 Last Quarter 28th, 8 " 57 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, Indian summer; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, rain and snow; 22, 23, cold; 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, cloudy.

ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH.

THIS is one of our most recent and promising Missions. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Kerschner, has succeeded beyond expectations in gathering together a good nucleus for a congregation—in the short time he has been in charge of the mission. In the fall of 1883 the corner stone of the church was laid, and the building thereon erected was dedicated in October, 1884. It is certainly a building doing credit to all concerned in the work of its erection. It was designed by R. D. Price, Architect, of Philadelphia. It



ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH, STROUDSBURG, MONROE CO., PA.

is 36 by 60 feet, and will seat at least 400 people. When completed it will cost about \$5,000. The membership at present is about fifty.

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LET all Christian people be kindly affectioned one to another. Let them cultivate sociability in the church and out of it, too. They should shake hands much, and inquire after one another's welfare. Particularly should they see that they have "the mind of the spirit" in caring for one another's religious culture and progress. They should speak much with one another "concerning the things which pertain unto the kingdom."

ADVENT.

The season of the Church year immediately preceding Christmas is known as the season of Advent. It is a time of preparation for the joyful festival of the Nativity. During this time we are called upon to meditate upon the last coming of Christ with clouds and great glory, and to prepare ourselves with penitence for the coming of the Son of man. Thus prepared we will be the better fitted to meditate upon His joyful first advent.

Let us remember that we should endeavor in spirit to come to Christ, if we would have Him indeed come to us, and be born anew in our hearts the hope of eternal glory. We could not come to Him had He not first come to us; and now that He is come, let us draw near also to Him.

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Two kinds of people can be easily dispensed with in every congregation—the go-backs and the pull-backs!

DIFFERENT OPINIONS.

Different opinions are entertained in regard to what is essential to the prosperity of the church. Worldly minded men and women think that fine churches, well-organized choirs, a full treasury, and eloquent preaching that will not offend the people by the bold and fearless denunciation of their sinful practices and pleasures, are what are necessary to make it popular and successful. This is a great mistake. The church's prosperity does not depend on its external circumstances, but upon its spirituality. This is what impresses the minds of sinners, convinces them of the truth of religion, and wins them to Christ. This is the object for which the church was instituted, and whenever it accomplishes this, it prospers. Let it be known that God is converting sinners in a church, and nothing will so attract and impress the people. The church's prosperity increases or declines just in proportion to its spirituality. Nothing but a genuine revival of religion can fill empty pews and make a church a real power for good in a community.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1885.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Eligius	Matt. 19: 1-12	1 44		29 ♀ sets 3 6	117 19 4	41 8	29
Wednesday	2 John Ruysbroek	Eph. 5: 22-33	2 46		11 ♀. ♀ rises 1 0	117 19 4	41 9	28
Thursday	3 Gerhard Groot	1 Cor. 7:	3 49		22 ☐ ♀ ☉ Altair sets 9 20	107 20 4	40 10	27
Friday	4 Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 3:	4 55		4 ♀ rises 7 30	107 20 4	40 11	26
Saturday	5 Crispin	Gen. 8: 15; 9: 17	5 56		16 ♀ rises 11 12	97 21 4	39 12	23

49] 2d Sunday in Advent. Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.

Sunday	6 Nicholas	Acts 17: 15-34	6 sets		28 6th. 7* south 10 48	97 22 4	38 1	20
Monday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 15:	6 10		11 ☉ Sirius rises 8 44	87 22 4	38 1	57
Tuesday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Deuteronomy 5:	7 4		25 ☉ ♀. Arctur south 8 58	87 23 4	37 2	40
Wednesday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Exodus 12:	7 56		7 ♀ gr. Elong. East ☽	87 23 4	37 3	25
Thursday	10 Paul Eber	Deut. 27:	8 44		20 ☽ in apo. ☉ ♀	77 23 4	37 4	15
Friday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Romans 7:	9 50		3 ♀ sets 8 20	77 24 4	36 4	57
Saturday	12 Vicelin	Leviticus 16:	10 53		17 ♀ rises 12 49	67 24 4	36 5	42

50] 3d Sunday in Advent. Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	13 Odilia	Is. 40: John 5:	11 54		0 Axarhale sets 12 24	67 24 4	36 6	32
Monday	14 Dioscorus	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	morn.		14 14th. ♀ rises 6 56	57 25 4	35 7	13
Tuesday	15 Christiana	2 Samuel 7:	12 40		28 ☽ Spica rises 2 41	57 25 4	35 7	56
Wednesday	16 Ember Day	Joel 3:	1 31		18 ♀ rises 10 59	47 25 4	35 8	50
Thursday	17 Sturm	Jeremiah 23:	2 29		28 ♀ in Perihelion ☿	47 25 4	35 9	44
Friday	18 Louis v. Seekendorf	" 31:	3 36		12 ♀ sets 8 24	37 25 4	35 10	30
Saturday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	Isaiah 52: 13; 53:	4 42		26 ☉ ♀ ☉ Inferior	37 25 4	35 11	25

51] 4th Sunday in Advent. John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.

Sunday	20 Abraham	John 3: 23-35:	5 39		10 ♀ rises 12 29	27 25 4	35 12	20
Monday	21 Thomas	Isaiah 42:	♂ rises		24 ☽ 21st. ☉ enters ☿ Shortest Day.	27 26 4	34 1	16
Tuesday	22 Hugh McKail	" 49:	5 55		8 ☽ in per. ☉ ♀ Winter commences	17 25 4	35 2	6
Wednesday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 55:	6 54		23 ♀ rises 6 19	17 25 4	35 2	52
Thursday	24 Adam and Eve	" 11: 1-10	7 55		5 Orion south 11 35	sun 7 25 4	35 3	40
Friday	25 Christmas	Isaiah 9: 2-7: Heb. 1:	8 53		18 ♀ sets 8 27	sl'w 7 25 4	35 4	29
Saturday	26 Stephen	Psalms 2: 1-10:	9 52		1 ☽ ♀ ☉. ☐ ♀ ☉	17 25 4	35 5	18

52] Sunday after Christmas. Matt. 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.

Sunday	27 St. John Evang.	Rom. 5: Col. 1:	10 50		13 ☉ ♀. ♀ rises 10 40	17 25 4	35 6	6
Monday	28 Innocents	Isaiah 41: 49	11 56		25 ☽ 28th. ☉ ♀. ☐ ☿ ☉	27 25 4	35 6	54
Tuesday	29 David	Romans 8:	morn.		8 ♀ rises 11 59	27 24 4	36 7	41
Wednesday	30 Christi'nof Wurttemberg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	1 10		19 ☽. Sirius rises 8 4	37 24 4	36 8	30
Thursday	31 John Wickliff	Psalms 90: 103:	2 16		1 ☉ in Perigee	37 24 4	36 9	27

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 6th, 8 o'clock, 16 min., morning.
First Quarter, 14th, 1 " 21 " afternoon.
Full Moon, 21th, 3 " 58 " afternoon.
Last Quarter, 28th, 7 " 21 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, snow; 5, 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, 10, mild;
11, 12, 13, clear, cold; 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, rain; 18,
19, 20, cold; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, 28,
moderate; 29, 30, cloudy; 31, snow.

(h.) Saturn is in opposition with the sun the 26th of this month, and shines all night.

DECEMBER.

CHRISTMAS.

THIS is of all seasons of the year, the most joyous. It is so, not because we now give gifts to one another, but because God first of all gave His dear Son to us and for us. Indeed, we should never have thought of making our friends so happy at this merry season, had not our Heavenly Father first of all shown us the way.

Christmas (or the season immediately preceding it), is a time of *great mystery*. Parents and children and friends have been busy for weeks preparing gifts and concealing them, only to bring them forth on a sudden, on the happy morning. This too, is only after the example of our Heavenly Father, who for ages was preparing for the giving of His Son, whom He sent into the world only when "the fulness of the time was come." Amid all your rejoicing, forget not the true ground of joy: in all your giving, forget not to receive anew God's best gift—His Son, nor to give to Him your most acceptable offering—your heart.



ELDERS AND DEACONS.

ELDERS and Deacons, like Aaron and Hur, hold up the hands of the pastor as he implores heaven for help, while Israel struggles with Amalek. The Elders and Deacons cannot preach the Gospel themselves, but they can hold up the hands of them that do. They should be as hands and eyes to the minister. By them he should labor among the people, and through them he should learn the people's needs. They should visit the people, particularly the sick and the poor, and should not expect the pastor to do all the pastoral visitation. They should bring him intelligence of whatsoever it may be necessary for him to know concerning the affairs of the church, and should be ready at all times to relieve him of all mere temporal concerns that he may give himself the more earnestly to prayer and the study of the word. It is a great privilege to serve as an Elder or a Deacon. It is a service to Christ the Lord: and will surely be greatly rewarded in Heaven.

IS IT BEGGING?

"Our minister is always begging." When a pastor presents the claims of Home Missions, of the heathen, of colleges, or of orphan homes, and urges that liberal contributions be made for them, or for other worthy objects, people call it "begging." When a man receives many gifts through his earnest pleas, he is said to be a "good beggar." But is this begging? Should it be called begging? Is it right to use the word? Is it truth? Who is it that asks? The Lord, through His servants. Who are they that are asked? The Lord's husbandmen, His stewards. What is asked? Only that which belongs to the Lord, and which His stewards owe. Why is it asked? That the work of the Lord may be done. It is not begging. The word is false. It should not be thus used. It causes wrong ideas of the work of the pastor, and of the act of giving. It keeps the Lord out of sight. It conceals His just claims. It degrades His servants and their work. It dishonors the

holy office of the ministry. It ignores the relation of Lord and steward. It hides the obligations which grow out of this relation between God and man. It declares that giving is a duty to be discharged faithfully, freely, thankfully. Honor the Lord with thy substance; dishonor Him not with a beggar's dole.

THE END OF THE YEAR.

As Time has had a beginning, so Time shall also have an end. All things earthly must have an end. The life we now live, we shall not live forever. We too, must come at last to the goal beyond which we cannot pass.

But Heavenly things endure forever. There is a life beyond the life we now live—an unbroken, unbounded, never ending, eternal life in Heavenly glory. Let every year bring us but one year nearer to that, and we shall not repine at the flight of the years, or the swift passage of Time.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BELLEFONTE, PA.

This Church was organized in 1836 by its first pastor—Rev. Ephraim Kieffer. In 1844 during the pastorate of Rev. W. R. Yearick, the congregation built its first house of worship. This was frame. It was built as a union church and occupied conjointly by the Reformed and Lutheran congregations until 1869, when the Lutherans withdrew, the Reformed having bought their share in the property. In the spring of 1880, this building was considerably injured by fire, and the congregation began the erection of the present handsome stone edifice, laying the corner-stone October 10th, 1880, and dedicating it October 29th, 1882. The walls



ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH, BELLEFONTE, PA.

are built of what is known as the light Allegheny sandstone, trimmed with the brown sandstone from Hummelstown. The style of masonry is broken Ashler with rockface. The audience chamber, not including pulpit recess nor vestibule, is 64 x 38 in the clear. It is finished in solid walnut, has an open-timbered ceiling and stained-glass windows. Its seating capacity is about 350. The cost was \$15,000. This, however, does not include the Sunday-school annex shown in the rear which is not yet built. The architect is Eber Culver, Williamsport, Pa. The builder was John Wetzel, father of Rev. Prof. Frank Wetzel, Ill. The present communicant membership is one hundred and fifteen. The present pastor is Rev. J. F. De Long.

REFORMED ORPHANS' HOME.

The General Synod, twice in successive meetings, three years intervening, urged the establishment of an Orphans' Home in the West. The Synod of the North-west and the Central Synod obeyed the voice of the Church. The project was delayed on account of the burning of the Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., which needed the contributions of the whole Church at that time. After the other Homes were considered in safe condition, the Board of the two Synods began by purchasing fifty-seven acres of land, near Fort Wayne, Ind. A substantial brick building was erected during the past year, adapted to the wants for the present, with a capacity of accommodating about fifty children. The dedicatory services took place October 7th, when about 2000 people were present. There was a general expression as to the economical investment and adaptability of the Home. The property cost the Church about \$20,000, one half of which is

needed to clear all claims. The proceeds at the dedication amounted to over \$600. The Board is anxious to cancel the indebtedness as soon as possible. Rev. J. Rettig is Superintendent. Next year we hope to present a picture of the Home to the readers of the Almanac.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.—The bee-hunter in America puts a piece of honey-comb into a box and catches a bee. He then covers the box, and very soon the bee fills itself with the honey. Being let loose it finds its way back, and in a little time returns, but not alone. It brings its companions with it, and in turn they bring others, till the box is filled with a swarm of bees. Those who have tasted that word which is "sweeter than honey" do likewise. They are not content with securing the blessings of salvation to themselves, but each helps to spread the good news, so that others may by their means be "made partakers."

CLARION COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This Church School, located in Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa., was founded in the year A. D. 1858, by the Clarion Classis of the Reformed Church, by which body it is still owned, and under whose direction it is still conducted.

Rimersburg, the seat of the Institute, is a pleasant country village of 300 inhabitants, distant 70 miles North from Pittsburgh. Quiet and retired, and so possessing peculiar advantages as a location for an academy, it is yet easy of access, having railroad and telegraph communication, and a daily mail.

The Institute has always been open to both sexes. The general design is to afford young men and ladies the means of obtaining, under Christian influence, the elements of a thorough and liberal education. Students are prepared for the practical business pursuits of life. Young men desiring to



CLARION COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, RIMERSBURG, PA.

take a College Course are carried to the end of the Freshman year. Due attention is paid to the training of teachers for the public schools, and normal classes are maintained during the spring and summer terms. The facilities afforded in the department of Instrumental music, are very excellent.

The building is a brick edifice, affording abundant room for the accommodation of the school. It stands in a pleasant, natural grove, on an elevation commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. Extensive repairs have recently been made which contribute much to the beauty of the place, and to the comfort of the pupils.

Rev. W. W. Deatrick, A. M., the present Principal, assumed control of the Institution in January, 1884. The past year has been a prosperous one as is evidenced by the catalogue which contains the names of 85 pupils. The Faculty consists of three instructors.

OUR ALMANAC.

We have devoted, as will be noticed, a considerable space of the Almanac this year to sketches and illustrations of some of our more recently erected churches. We have done so not only for the interest it will be to the readers of the Almanac, but also to show what progress we as a Church have been making in the way of church architecture. This we hope will help to shape the plans of those to be built hereafter. We have also secured a number of advertisements of such as are able to furnish what is needed in church building and furnishing. We are able to give information in respect to these and also in some cases, as in plans, to furnish such from catalogues, which we will send on receipt of 12 cents.

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LOCATION OF MISSIONS.	Congregations.	Members.	S. S. Scholars.	Baptisms.	Additions.	Losses.	Benevolence.	Local Objects.	Value of Property.	Indebtedness.	Reduction of Indebtedness.	MISSIONARIES.
Pennsylvania. —Easton	1	100	100	15	16	2	\$48 00	\$1000 00	\$4000 00			D. Y. Heisler, D. D.
Catasauqua	1	160	200	10	14				10,000 00			J. J. Crist.
Stroudsburg	1	50							6500 00			G. W. Kershner.
Reading	1	90	240		33		12 00		6000 00			C. S. Gerhard.
West Philadelphia	1	50	64		6		13 48	750 00				Geo. H. Johnston.
Harrisburg	1	110	200	13	5	5	75 00					G. W. Snyder.
Harrisburg	1	51	25			1			8000 00	1200 00		John Kuelling, D. D.
Steelton	1	40			10							Supplied.
Look Haven	2	165	225	17	8		39 00	1200 00		500 00	200 00	G. W. Gerhard.
Williamsport	2	79	75	9	9	2		1987 00				D. H. Leader.
Bangor—No report	3											J. G. Neff.
E. End—Wilkesburg	2	109	140	4	22			800 00		8500 00	250 00	M. F. Frank.
Orbisonia	3	104	88	10	1		23 00		3500 00	50 00		N. F. Peters.
Mann's Choice	3	209	100	27	22	9	85 00	357 00	3000 00			E. H. Dieffenbacher.
Duncannon	3	126	150	9	10	5	71 00	960 00	6500 00			J. R. Lewis.
Shenandoah	1	290	210	32	40	20	13 00	1013 00	6000 00			G. W. Stibitz.
Johnstown	1	118	118	22	19		42 13	534 37	3000 00		963 05	W. H. Bates.
Lancaster	1	87	224	28	31	3	16 25	482 20	3300 00			W. F. Lichtner.
Overton	3	160	60	19	9		27 00	1000 00	2000 00	150 00		C. H. Mutschler.
Latrobe	2	147	80	25	7		25 00	1100 00	8000 00			S. H. Eisenberg.
New Castle	1	47	45	5	10				4000 00	880 00		D. B. Lady.
Marietta	1	133	13	31	13		13 00	394 00				D. B. Schneider.
Somerset	3	170	75		19				5000 00			H. King.
Tionesta												Vacant.
Dubois	2	57	65	7	10		43 00	1450 00		600 00		Vacant.
Houtzdale	1	42	30	22	7	6	16 00	126 00	1200 00	300 00		C. W. E. Siegel.
Meyersdale	2	240	160						3000 00			J. M. Schick.
Hyndman	4	217	125									Vacant.
McKeesport	2	95			42	18			4500 00	1480 00		H. D. Darbaker.
Scottdale	1	41	60				24 00	940 20	4500 00	90 00	666 00	H. S. Garner.
Mercer County	2	80	75									Vacant.
Clear Ridge	3	83		8	12	2		310 00	1700 00	263 00		D. G. Klein.
Maryland. —Cumberland	1	175	100	23	40	6	20 00	1800 00	6500 00	1250 00	1000 00	F. R. Schwedes.
Baltimore	1	20	30						2100 00			E. R. Deatrick.
Ridgely	3	75	50	6	30		19 00	300 00	1800 00			C. W. Levan.
Delaware. —Wyoming	1	102	80	5	9	6	26 00	1258 00	5000 00	1300 00		S. F. Laury.
Virginia. —Winchester	3	112	50						5000 00			Vacant.
Middlebrook	2	83	120	8	8		40 00	600 00	4000 00	100 00		S. L. Whitmore.
Mint Spring	1	127	40	10	8	6	14 67	295 32	3500 00	200 00		Vacant.
Mill Creek	2	96	130						2800 00			G. A. Whitmore.
Timberville	2	136	30	10	5		30 00	700 00	2500 00	100 00		C. W. Summey.
Harrisville	2	150	80	5	1			70 00	2000 00			E. Welty, M. D.
Roanoke	1											Vacant.
District of Columbia. —Washington	1	70	40	17	17		35 00	212 00	15,000 00			C. F. Sontag.
North Carolina. —Concord	1	20										J. W. Cecil.
Lincolnton	1	20										J. A. Foil.
Newton	1								2500 00			J. C. Clapp, D. D.
New York. —New York	1	200	200	135	40	10	150 00	700 00	5000 00			F. Fox.
Kansas. —Emporia	2	65	30	5	27	1	21 68	132 60	6500 00	100 00		D. B. Shuey.
Wichita	1	30		12			14 35		2000 00			I. G. Brown.
Iola	2	31										S. A. Alt.
Nebraska. —Lincoln	2	36	45	2			25 00	235 00				E. Erb.
California. —San Francisco	1	40	40	2					7500 00	4585 00		D. E. Schoedler.
Stockton	1	70	57	26	11	6	20 00	350 00	6000 00	600 00		E. De Geller.
Napa	1	67	31	12	5				3000 00			G. Mecktersheimer.
Oregon. —Portland				20								R. Scheidt.
Salem	3	60	35	15	1	7		600 00	400 00	750 00	250 00	J. Muellhaupt.
West Union	1	30	15	11	4				800 00			H. Stauss.
Stafford	3	43	6	5	3				600 00			J. Lange.
Washington Territory. —Seattle	1	28	36	7				457 40	2500 00	600 00		G. Graedel.
Iowa. —Liscomb	2	37	110				93 00	343 00		2000 00		H. Bair.
Pleasant Valley												D. P. Lefever.
South America. —Valparaiso, Chili	1	19										Albert Kreuter.
Missions: 63	96	5565	4100	655	573	121	\$1135 00	\$22,577 00	\$193,800 00	\$25,208 00	\$2729 00	Total.....58

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.*
BETHANY	Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.	REV. D. B. ALBRIGHT	68
ST. PAUL'S	Butler, Butler County, Pa.	REV. P. C. PRUGH	37
REFORMED	Fort Wayne, Ind.	REV. J. RETTIG	10

UNITED STATES POSTAL LAW.

Rates on all Mailable Matter Between Points in the U. S.

LETTERS.		Each ½ oz.
Mail Letters	2 cents.
Drop letters at letter carrier offices	2 "
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Drawings, plans, designs, and all matter sealed against inspection, 2 cents each ½ ounce or fraction ounce.		
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Newspapers, Books, Merchandise, Seeds, &c.

Newspapers and periodicals to regular subscribers, weekly or oftener, 2 cents a pound.

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THIRD CLASS MATTER.—(Books printed and blank), circulars and other printed matters, proof sheets, corrected proof sheets and manuscript, copy accompanying same, valentines, heliotypes, chromos, posters, lithographs, stereoscopic views, photographs, printed blanks, business cards, tags and tickets, 1 cent each 2 ounces.

Newspapers (except weeklies to subscribers), circulars and periodicals not 2 ounces in weight, deposited in letter carrier offices, for local delivery, 1 cent each.

FOURTH CLASS MATTER.—Printed envelopes in quantity, blank bills, letter heads, blank cards, flexible patterns, plain envelopes and letter paper, sample cards, merchandise, models, sample ores, metals, minerals, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, not exceeding 4 pounds in weight, 1 cent each ounce or fraction of ounce.

Patterns and samples to Canada, 10 cents prepaid for each 8 ounces or fraction.

First, third and fourth class matter may be registered at 10 cents each package in addition to regular postage.

All matter not prepaid at letter rates must be so wrapped that it can be examined without destroying the wrapper, and can name contents, from whom and address, and nothing more. A business card may be printed, impressed, or pasted on the wrappers. Liquids, poisons, explosives and other dangerous matters are excluded.

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No fraction of a cent allowed in any money order.

Postal notes from one cent to \$5, three cents.

Rates on Money Orders in United States—Not exceeding \$10, eight cents; over \$10 to \$30, ten cents; over \$30 to \$40, fifteen cents; over \$40 to \$50, twenty cents.

Money Orders to Great Britain or Ireland—Not exceeding \$10, twenty-five cents; over \$10 to \$20, fifty cents; over \$20 to \$30, seventy cents; over \$30 to \$40, eighty-five cents; over \$40 to \$50, one dollar.

Money orders to German Empire, France, Italy, Canada, and Algeria—Not exceeding \$10, fifteen cents; over \$10 to \$20, thirty cents; over \$20 to \$30, forty-five cents; over \$30 to \$40, sixty cents; over \$40 to \$50, seventy-five cents.

Money Orders to Switzerland—Not exceeding \$10, twenty-five cents; over \$10 to \$20, fifty cents; over \$20 to \$30, seventy-five cents; over \$30 to \$40, one dollar; over \$40 to \$50, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

A CONSTITUTION

For Auxiliary Missionary Societies.

NAME.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church and Sunday-school at _____, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

OBJECT.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of Missions; to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to secure regular weekly contributions, for the support of missions in the Reformed Church.

OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the period of one year, and may be re-elected at the option of the Society.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings, and attend to such duties as do not interfere with the relations of the Pastor as President *ex-officio* and as hereafter defined.

ART. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Society, and a roll of the membership.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and disbursed, to pay out all monies as directed by the Secretary, and to make a report to the Society at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 7. The members of the Society shall consist of Sunday-school scholars and teachers, members of the Church, and friends, who shall contribute at least one cent per week; and each member shall be furnished with a certificate of membership, provided by the Board of Missions, with the name of its officers attached and the seal of the Board.

MEETINGS.

ART. 8. There shall be monthly meetings of this Society either after divine services on Sunday, or at such other times as may be fixed on by resolution of the Society. These meetings in connection with the transaction of business claiming attention, may be social or devotional as may seem best calculated to promote the object of the Society. At the end of the year a missionary festival shall be held, at which, among other things, the Treasurer's report shall be made, an annual report of the progress and success of the Society shall be read by the President, missionary addresses delivered, and such other exercises observed as will tend to promote the cause of missions in the congregations.

FUNDS.

ART. 9. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, established by the three Synods of the Reformed Church, the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

ART. 10. A Standing Committee, of which the officers of the Society shall be members, shall consist of ten persons, who shall be elected annually by the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee to interest the Society in the work of missions, to secure the names of new members, and to carry out any instructions which may be given by the Society.

THE DUTIES OF THE PASTOR.

ART. 11. The pastor shall be President *ex-officio*, preside at the meetings of the Society whenever he shall deem it necessary; conduct all religious services, and in his absence appoint some one for that purpose, assist the members by his counsel, and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the members of the congregation.

BY-LAWS.

ART. 12. By-Laws can be adopted by this Society to meet any wants which have not herein been provided for.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH

From September 1st, 1883, to August 31st, 1884.

1883.
 Sept. 2—Laying of corner stone of Immanuel's Mission Church, Du Bois, Pa., Rev. D. H. Leader, Pastor.
 " 4—Rev. J. P. Moore and wife, Missionaries to Japan, sailed from San Francisco, Cal., on steamship "Tokio."
 " 6—Opening of Fall Term of F. & M. College, Lancaster, Pa.; opening address by Prof. John B. Kieffer.
 " 12—Annual Meeting of the German Synod East, Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa. . . . Annual Meeting of Central Synod, Cincinnati, O.
 " 16—Dedication of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. A. B. Stoner, Pastor, Tenth and Dauphin Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
 " 18—Dedication of the College of Northern Illinois, Dakota, Ill.; address by Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D.
 " 23—Safe arrival of Rev. J. P. Moore and his wife in Japan.
 " 26—Annual Meeting of the Pittsburg Synod, Kittanning, Pa.
 Oct. 3—The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the North-West, Milwaukee, Wis.
 " 5—Laying corner-stone of Zion's Church, Curllsville Charge, Clarion Co., Pa., Rev. J. M. Evans, Pastor.
 " 7—Laying corner-stone of Zion's Church, Stroudsburg, Pa., Rev. G. W. Kerschner, Pastor. . . . Laying corner-stone of English Church, Williamsport, Pa., Rev. J. S. Wagner, Pastor. . . . Dedication of Church, Marion, O., Rev. F. Schaad, Pastor.
 " 10—Annual Meeting of Synod of U. S., St. Paul's Memorial Church, Reading, Pa. . . Annual Meeting of Ohio Synod, West Alexandria, O.
 " 14—Dedication of Grace Church, Claysburg, Pa., Rev. W. M. Andrews, Pastor. . . . Dedication of Church, Greencamp, O., Rev. P. Ruhl, Pastor.
 " 17—Annual Meeting of Synod of Potomac, Newton, N. C.
 " 20—Laying corner-stone of Church at Canothers, O., Rev. S. Shaw, Pastor.
 " 26—Dedication of Church near Waterloo, Ind., Rev. F. F. Christine, Pastor. . . . Dedication of Chapel at Turtle Creek, Pa., Rev. H. D. Darbaker, Pastor.
 Nov. 3—Death of Rev. Jacob Orth, Yankton, Dakota.
 " 4—Laying corner-stone of Church at Spring Grove, York Co., Pa.
1883.
 Nov. 7—Death of Rev. M. L. Shuford, Burkittsville, Md.
 " 14—Dedication of Church at Broken Sword, O.
 " 15—Laying corner-stone of Orphan's Home, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Supt.
 " 18—Dedication of Church, Wetary, Ill., Rev. J. H. Lippard, Pastor.
 Dec. 11—Election by Board of Publication of Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Reading, as Synodical Editor, to fill vacancy caused by declination of J. B. Shumaker, D. D.
 " 16—Dedication of Church, Lima, O., Rev. W. A. Long, Pastor.
 " 30—Dedication of St. Stephen's Church, Reading, Pa., Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Pastor. . . . Dedication of Church, Dushore, Pa.
 1884.
 Jan. 6—Dedication of Church, St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Vitz, Pastor.
 " 12—Offer of Premium of \$20 by Rev. Chas. G. Fisher for Premium Tract No. 3, on "Church Literature: its aim, its benefits, and its circulation."
 " 13—Dedication of Church, Tomkinsville, Pa., Rev. F. W. Smith, Pastor.
 " 20—Dedication of Church, Bedford, Pa., Rev. E. N. Kremer, Pastor.
 " 21—Donation of \$10,000 by Mrs. Jas. M. Hood, Frederick, Md., to erect and equip an Astronomical Observatory on campus F. and M. College, to be known as "Daniel Scholl Observatory," a daughter's grateful tribute to a father's memory.
 Feb. 14—Dedication of Zion's Church, Plum Creek Charge, Pa., Rev. A. K. Kline, Pastor.
 April 13—Dedication of Church at Lyons, Kans., A. R. Holshouser, Pastor.
 " 15—Decision of Committee on Premium Tract No. 3, in favor of MSS. signed "Eschatos." . . . Re-opening of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimesburg, Pa., Rev. W. W. Deatrick, Principal.
 " 23—Death of Rev. J. J. Pennypacker, London, Pa.
 " 27—Baptism and Confirmation of the first converts, *nine* in number, by Missionaries Gring and Moore, Tokio, Japan.
 " 29—Resignation of Rev. A. R. Kremer, as Synodical Editor of the *Messenger* Potomac Synod, and the election of Rev. J. S. Kieffer to fill the vacancy.
 May 1—Commencement of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; five graduates.
 " 7—Triennial Meeting of General Synod, Third Church, Baltimore, Md.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1884.
 May 11—Death of Rev. J. B. Ruhl, Nappanee, O.
 " 18—Dedication of Church, Kenton, O.
 " 21—Commencement of Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.; eight graduates.
 " 22—Laying corner-stone of Salem's Church, Clover Creek, Pa., Rev. J. D. Miller, Pastor.
 " 25—Dedication of Christ Church, Codorus, Pa., Rev. F. A. Guth, Pastor. . . . Dedication of First Church, cor. Tenth and Wallace Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D., Pastor. . . Dedication of Church at Spencer-ville, O., Rev. P. Greiding, D.D., Pastor.
 June 1—Dedication of Trinity Church, Timberville, Va., Rev. C. W. Summey, Pastor.
 " 12—Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.
 " 13—Laying corner-stone of Church, Everett, Pa., Rev. W. I. Stewart, Pastor.
 " 15—Dedication of St. Paul's Chapel, Stephenson's Depot, Va., ———, Pastor. . . . Commencement of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O. . . . Re-dedication of Church, Ironton, O.
 " 18—Commencement of Palatinate College, Myers-town, Pa. . . . Death of Rev. J. B. Knipe, Chester Springs, Pa. . . . Commencement of F. and M. College, Lancaster, Pa. . . . Commencement of Female Seminary, Greensburg, Pa.
 " 19—Commencement of The College of Northern Illinois, Dakota, Ill. . . . First Commencement of Collegiate Institute, Pleasantville, O.
 " 21—Laying corner-stone of First Church, Spring City, Pa., Rev. D. W. Ebbert, Pastor.
 " 22—Commencement of Ursinus College, College-ville, Pa. . . . Dedication of Chapel, Sabula, Pa., Rev. D. H. Leader, Pastor.
 " 25—Proposition made by Dr. I. Lefever, Harris-burg, Pa., to raise amount needed to build Chapel in Japan, \$600, by pledges of \$10 each from Sunday Schools.
 " 29—Dedication of Church near Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., Rev. D. C. Tobias, Pastor.
 July 6—Dedication of Zoar Church, Webster Co., Iowa, Rev. W. Diehm, Pastor.
 " 11—Anniversary of Collegiate Institute, Rimers-burg, Pa.
 " 14—Death of Rev. L. C. Herman, Carlisle, Pa.
 " 24—Anniversary of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.
 " 27—Dedication of Grace Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. T. J. Bacher, Pastor. . . . Dedication of Church, Hiawatha, Kans., Rev. G. W. Remegen, Pastor.
 " 28—Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., releived of its debt; Rev. W. C. Schaffer, Danville, elected President under the new management.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1884.
 July 31—Laying corner-stone of new Church, Salem's Congregation, New Bedford Charge, Ohio, Rev. J. A. Novinger, Pastor.
 Aug. 3—Dedication of St. John's Church, Humboldt, Neb., Rev. J. G. Steinert, Pastor.
 " 20—The number of pledges by Sunday Schools towards \$600 for Chapel in Japan, announced in the *Messenger* as received, the number being to date 69.
 " 31 Laying corner-stone of St. Stephen's Church, Pottstown, Pa., Rev. C. H. Herbst, Pastor.

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

IN making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of——dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of——dollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of——dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of——dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of——dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac,' of which Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum of——dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum of——dollars; to the 'Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa., the sum of——dollars; to the 'Society for the relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of——dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of——dollars, and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of——dollars; the several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective associations for the general purposes of their organization."

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MEETING OF THE CLASSES

OF THE SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES, THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURG, AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	St. John's Church (Arndt's), Northampton Co., Pa.	May 12th, 1885.
LEBANON	First Church, Lebanon, Pa.	May 28th, 1885.
PHILADELPHIA	First Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	June 4th, 1885.
LANCASTER	Heller's Church, Lancaster Co., Pa.	May 28th, 1885.
EAST SUSQUEHANNA	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.	May 27th, 1885.
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.	May 20th, 1885.
GOSHENHOPPEN	Sassaman's Church, Sassamansville, Pa.	May 1st, 1885.
TOHICKON	Quakertown, Bucks Co., Pa.	May 15th, 1885.
WESTMORELAND	Fennel's Church, Westmoreland, Pa.	May 28th, 1885.
CLARION	Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.	June 3d, 1885.
ST. PAUL'S	Saegertown, Crawford Co., Pa.	May 28th, 1885.
SOMERSET	Salisbury, Somerset Co., Pa.	May 27th, 1885.
ALLEGHENY	Turtle Creek, Allegheny Co., Pa.	May 21st, 1885.
ZION'S	Franklin Church, near Dillsburg, Pa.	May 29th, 1885.
MARYLAND	Taneytown, Carroll Co., Md.	May 27th, 1885.
MERCERSBURG	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.	May 21st, 1885.
VIRGINIA	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co., Va.	May 21st, 1885.
NORTH CAROLINA	St. John's Church, Catawba Charge, N. C.	May 6th, 1885.
LEHIGH	St. John's Church, Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa.	May 8th, 1885.
SAN FRANCISCO	Stockton, California	May 14th, 1885.
PORTLAND-OREGON		
GETTYSBURG	Arendtsville, Adams Co., Pa.	June 4th, 1885.
CARLISLE	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.	May 28th, 1885.
JUNIATA	Bedford, Pa.	May 21st, 1885.

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
ENGLISH.			
THE MESSENGER	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Weekly	1827
CHRISTIAN WORLD	Dayton, Ohio	"	1848
THE GUARDIAN	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Monthly	1850
SCHOLAR'S QUARTERLY	" " " "	Quarterly	1882
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURY	" " " "	Semi-Monthly	1859
SUNSHINE	" " " "	Weekly	1879
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY	" " " "	Monthly	1884
REFORMED QUARTERLY REVIEW	" " " "	Quarterly	1849
THE INSTRUCTOR	Dayton, Ohio	Monthly	1873
LEAVES OF LIGHT	" " " "	Semi-Monthly	1873
GOLDEN WORDS	" " " "	"	1883
LITTLE PEARLS	" " " "	Weekly	1883
ORPHAN'S FRIEND	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.	Monthly	1877
MISSIONARY SENTINEL AND HERALD	Lancaster, Pa.	"	1880
COLLEGE STUDENT	" " " "	"	1880
HEIDELBERG MONTHLY JOURNAL	Tiffin, Ohio	"	1880
GERMAN.			
KIRCHENZEITUNG AND EVANGELIST	Cleveland, Ohio	Weekly	1838
REFORMIRTE HAUSFREUND	Reading, Pa.	Every other week	1866
DER LAMMERHIRTE	Cleveland, Ohio	Monthly	1859
DER MISSIONAR	Sheboygan, Wis.	"	1880
DIE ABENDLUST	Cleveland, Ohio	"	1876
DER KINDERFREUND	San Francisco, Cal.	"	1882

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congreg'l Purposes.
Synod in the U. S. . .	9 225	455	70,135	41,528	5,137	325	4,087	1,284	57,258	660	7	417	2,260	536	48,260	48	\$37,158	\$279,970	
Synod of Ohio, . . .	10 140	283	19,095	7,185	781	329	1,099	706	14,404	358	4	384	316	220	16,094	13	11,915	111,386	
Synod of the N. West.	9 116	157	13,545	9,908	1,195	15	669	880	10,728	206	28	159	359	134	7,680	29	8,580	68,376	
Synod of Pittsburgh,	5 56	132	12,484	8,948	878	68	539	409	10,603	264	5	105	229	105	8,122	9	11,898	83,596	
Synod of the Potomac,	10 137	279	29,071	19,128	1,852	229	1,405	663	24,325	453	8	139	728	239	18,413	24	17,355	112,207	
Ger. Sy'd of the East,	5 41	40	10,010	6,029	1,749	11	685	461	7,652	39	2	222	506	40	6,942	2	5,589	66,048	
Central Synod, . . .	4 68	119	15,190	10,386	1,073	40	749	640	11,927	142	14	273	389	104	9,209	20	8,653	57,989	
Total:—Synods 7 . .	52 783	1,465	169,530	103,112	12,665	1,017	9,233	5,043	136,897	2,122	68	1,699	4,787	1,378	114,720	145	\$101,148	\$779,572	

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa.	T. G. APPLE, D. D.
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	1863	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1881	1884
Synods,	2	2	3	4	6	6	6	7
Classes,	26	29	31	35	44	45	48	52
Ministers,	447	485	526	586	631	710	762	783
Congregations,	1,099	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403	1,465
Members,	98,775	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002	169,530
Members Unconfirmed,	56,301	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147	103,112
Baptisms, given year,	11,739	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309	13,682
Baptisms, in 3 years,	35,446	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750	41,825
Confirmed, given year,	5,552	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113	9,233
Confirmed, in 3 years,	17,616	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,753	28,240	27,223
Certificate, given year,	1,360	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113	5,043
Certificate, in 3 years,	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263	14,046
Communed,	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709	136,897
Dismissed, given year,	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249	2,122
Dismissed, in 3 years,	1,674	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791	5,819
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	119	196	144	318	387	174	1,626	1,767
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	428	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436	5,578
Deaths, given year,	4,679	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591	4,787
Deaths, in 3 years,	12,725	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492	15,292
Sunday-Schools,	894	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346	1,378
Sunday-School Scholars,	22,404	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511	114,720
Students for Ministry,				75	123	157	141	145
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	\$29,528	\$60,977	\$74,453	\$86,650	\$79,680	\$61,727	73,400	101,148
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	100,000	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869	327,899
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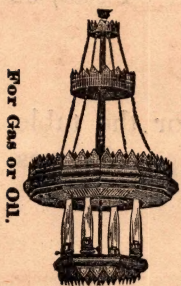


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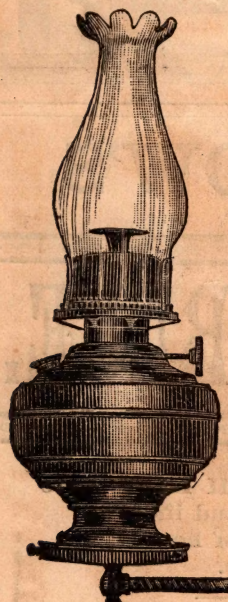
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